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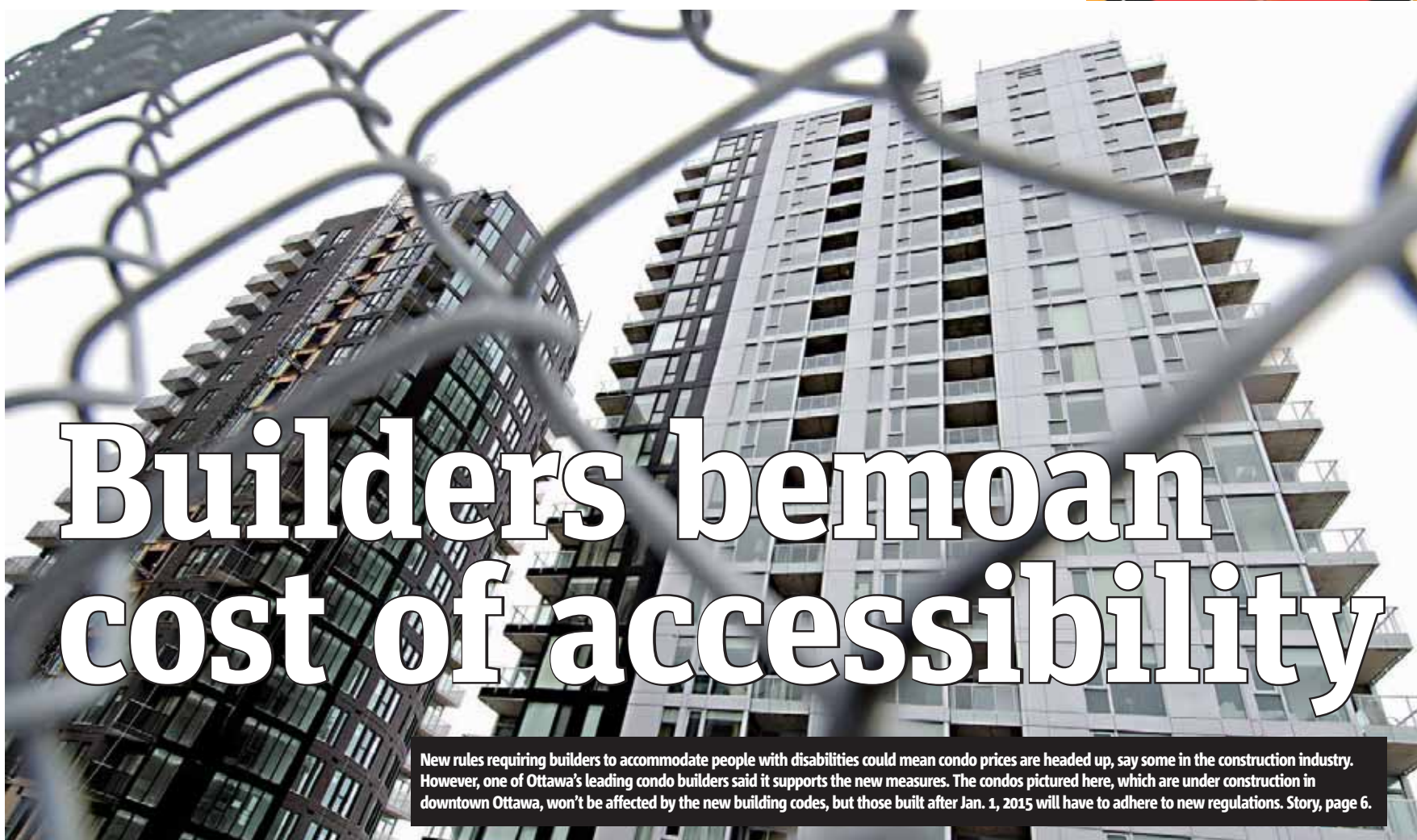
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Builders bemoan cost of accessibility

New rules requiring builders to accommodate people with disabilities could mean condo prices are headed up, say some in the construction industry. However, one of Ottawa's leading condo builders said it supports the new measures. The condos pictured here, which are under construction in downtown Ottawa, won't be affected by the new building codes, but those built after Jan. 1, 2015 will have to adhere to new regulations. Story, page 6.

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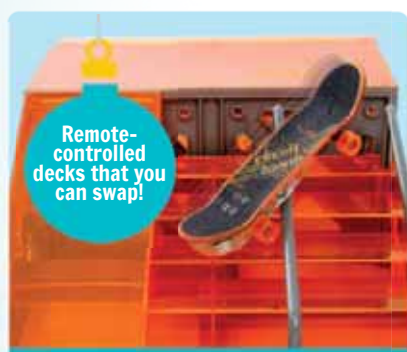
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Second incident

Ottawa man dies while shoveling snow on driveway

An 84-year-old man has died after collapsing while shovelling his driveway Thursday morning.

Paramedics responded to the call around 8:30 a.m. south of Metcalfe Village and found the man without vital signs upon arrival. Resuscitation efforts were futile and the man was pronounced dead at the scene.

He was the second Ottawa man in two days to collapse while shovelling snow. A man in his 70s went into cardiac arrest Wednesday. Paramedics are urging residents to take caution when shovelling wet, heavy snow, as it could result in "heavy demand on the heart."

REVOR GREENWAY/METRO

Naughty, not nice

Life-sized Santa figurine stolen

Kingston police are looking for a Grinch who made off with a life-sized Santa figurine that was spreading holiday cheer outside a local gas station.

They say the white 20- to 40-year-old man who stole the Christmas icon, snuck up on Old Saint Nick at Princess Street and Victoria Street around 2 a.m. Wednesday and ripped off his top section, leaving only his red pants and the plywood stilts holding him up.

Police say it's believed he then met up with two other people before the group headed off west-bound with Santa in tow.

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Police release images of hammer attack suspect

Ottawa police have released images of a man they say is a suspect in a hammer attack that injured another man Tuesday evening.

Police say the 53-year-old victim was walking in the Somerset area when he was randomly attacked and ended up in hospital with severe face and head injuries.

The suspect was also carrying a knife concealed in a plas-



Police are asking for help identifying this man. COURTESY OTTAWA POLICE

tic package. He is described as six-foot-two and weighing about 240 pounds. He was

seen wearing a dark jacket and a dark toque, and was also carrying a bag.

The man fled on foot.

Police say they are not ruling out a connection between Tuesday's incident and a series of similar attacks over the past four years. The previous attacks had all targeted women.

Central District Investigators are currently handling the investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to call Ottawa Police's Central District Investigations at 613-236-1222, ext. 5166.

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Shootings linked to gang fight over drug turf: Cops

Penny Drive. Police increasing patrols as area sees third shooting in two weeks



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With three shootings on Penny Drive in the past two weeks, Ottawa police have increased their presence in the neighbourhood and residents will continue to see more police patrolling their streets, says the force's chief.

But an increased police presence wasn't enough to stop the latest shooting Wednesday evening, when bullets ripped through a van and a residence in the 2000 block of Penny Drive. The van was vacant, but there were people inside the residence at the time of the shooting.

Police Chief Charles Bordeleau said at a news conference Thursday a patrol officer had just crossed the street in his cruiser minutes before the shooting occurred.

The series of shootings are among the 45 reported so far this year, which is 15 more than there were in 2013.

Bordeleau said they have a "direct link" to the drug trade, as gang members fight over distribution networks in the city.

At the media briefing, Insp. Chris Renwick told reporters drugs such as crack cocaine and marijuana, as well as prescription drugs, are fuelling the drug wars.

On Nov. 27, shots were fired into the window of a bedroom where four young children were playing at around 8:45 p.m. in the 2900 block of Penny Drive.

Also, last Thursday, the Guns and Gangs Unit responded to the 2000 block of Penny Drive for a shooting that occurred just after 10 p.m.

Renwick said police have laid charges in about one-third of the 45 shooting investigations in 2014. Continued silence in the community, particularly from victims, is a constant challenge for investigators.

"It's not just a police prob-



Insp. Chris Renwick, right, and police chief Charles Bordeleau address questions from reporters Thursday in response to recent shootings on Penny Drive. JOE LOFARO/METRO

lem, it's a community problem," said Bordeleau, who again urged residents with information to call the anonymous tip line, Crime Stoppers. "It's important for our community to step forward and come forward with that type of information."

Mark Taylor, the councillor for Bay Ward, which includes the Britannia and Michelle Heights communities, is holding a closed-door meeting on Tuesday with community leaders to address heightened concerns surrounding gun violence in the area.

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Ottawa NGO helping kids to keep learning in Ebola-ravaged Liberia

Home School Kits of Hope. With all schools closed to help protect students from deadly disease, CODE prepares home-school material



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The Ebola epidemic has emptied classrooms in Liberia and kept students cooped up at home for months, so an Ottawa NGO is preparing more than 10,000 home-schooling kits to help children learn to read while they are stuck indoors.

CODE — a charity that supports literacy in Canada and worldwide — has been working to get Liberia's education system back on its feet since the disastrous effects of the 15-year, on-again-off-again civil war that killed about 300,000 people in the country and neighbouring Sierra Leone.

When the Ebola crisis broke out about 10 months ago, the country and education system were "very ill-prepared to address this newest crisis," said CODE executive director Scott Walter. About 5,000 pri-

mary schools have closed across the country.

"At least with the civil war, they knew who the enemy was. They could see the enemy," he said. "With Ebola, it's an unseen enemy and it could come from anywhere. Even to be with your own family could lead to infection, so it's tremendously dispiriting and tremendously traumatic for families."

To add to the problem, the country's low literacy rate has "hampered" many people's ability to read information on the Ebola crisis, said Walter.

According to UNICEF, the total adult literacy rate between 2008 and 2012 was at 42.9 per cent.

CODE has partnered with the WE-CARE Foundation to create "Home School Kits of Hope" filled with children's books, school supplies and information pamphlets on Ebola. There are even a few adult novels for the older readers in families.

Other charities are working on similar literacy initiatives in Sierra Leone, said Walter.

According to CODE, Ebola has killed 3,200 people in Liberia and 2,000 in Sierra Leone.

"There's a looming crisis beyond that (the health crisis) that's having a huge



A boy walks through an empty classroom in July in a school in Monrovia which has been closed down by the Liberian government. All schools in Liberia have been closed down to protect students from contracting Ebola. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

How to help

CODE has raised about \$40,000 for home-school kits in Liberia so far, with the goal of raising \$60,000 by Dec. 24.

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impact on the future of the country and the ability to give hope to children who are not only seeing death around them, who are losing loved ones, but who are losing their opportunity to go to school," Walter said.

"In a country like Liberia or Sierra Leone, education is the great hope for children and for their families."



CODE, an Ottawa NGO, is raising funds to put together home-school kits for children whose classrooms have closed due to the Ebola crisis. CONTRIBUTED

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New accessibility requirements will inflate costs, builders say

'No question.' Need for larger doors and hallways, more elevators may scuttle projects



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Ontario condos will get bigger and pricier when new building codes take effect, forcing contractors to build to accommodate people with disabilities, builders say.

The new codes come into effect Jan. 1 and will require new condo and apartment buildings, community centres, churches and commercial buildings to include elements such as wider doors, elevators, power doors and visual smoke alarms.

The features will enlarge carbon footprints and drive up the prices in Ontario's condo market, according to builders. The province counters by saying the costs are limited and allow people to participate in their communities.

"When you increase the square footage within a building, you increase its footprint outside and you increase the cost, and you may not be able to build the building," said Clive Thurston, president of



The Yard & Station — School Lofts in Hintonburg is one project facing the deadline for a building permit. The project won't be cancelled, but the design may have to change if it misses the deadline, says architect Doug van den Ham. COURTESY FINELINE PERSPECTIVES

the Ontario Contractors' Association, on Thursday.

"There is no question prices are going to go up. The biggest challenge will come in designing these buildings

to fit the footprint, so we are going to increase our carbon footprint for sure."

Thurston said he used to sit on a building advisory committee that worked with

the province to develop "reasonable" changes to Ontario building codes, but he said the meetings dried up over the past two years and the province went ahead on its own.

New condos, apartment buildings, large commercial buildings and residential buildings more than three storeys in height will have to increase door widths to allow for barrier-free passage, provide access to all floors via an elevator and increase the number of suites that must be designed with basic accessibility features — including wider doorways and hallways in bathrooms, living rooms and kitchens — from 10 to 15 per cent.

One of Ottawa's leading condo builders, the Minto Group, said it supports the new measures, as they ensure builders consider the needs of those with disabilities, but Minto wouldn't comment on how the changes would affect the market or prices.

Ontario's Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing says the added cost for large-scale developers to implement the changes will be "limited," based on a recent study.

"The findings indicated that ... the large buildings which incorporate the majority of the changes would experience very limited increases in construction costs," said ministry media-relations manager Charlene Millett.

Statistics Canada says close to 16 per cent of Ontario residents have a disability. The number is expected to rise as people age.

"The more accessible buildings are for people with disabilities, the greater their ability to live, work and participate fully in the life of their communities," added Millett.

Mapleridge Homes owner Matt Smith says every extra dollar adds up over time, especially for multi-unit buildings.

"When you start adding them all up together, it becomes an expense on whoever owns the property," said Smith. "For builders, they have got to hope they can sell it for more. If not, they make less."

The changes won't affect buildings already built or those under construction, but contractors doing extensive renovations will have to ad-

Rush or redo

Developers rush to beat deadline for permits

Doug van den Ham, a condo designer at Barry J. Hobin & Associates Architects Inc., says pending permits are "way above normal" at this time of year, and missing the deadline could force some developers to completely change designs or even cancel projects.

"The change in the accessibility requirements has a pretty big impact on space planning," said van den Ham.

"The risk with missing this permit deadline is that we have to go back in and redesign the floor plates of that condo building — and when you have already sold a bunch of units, it's not a small undertaking."

Van den Ham says his firm brought up a list of projects on the go and prioritized which ones should be rushed in to get a building permit. Some, he said, will still have to be redesigned.

"Some unit types are going to have to get bigger; we are going to have to allot more space for circulation and entry," he said.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing media-relations manager Charlene Millett said the government is "not aware" of any projects being rushed to beat the deadline. She said the new accessibility requirements are part of the government's 2025 target to broaden accessibility under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

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here to the new codes.

With the exception of adding visual fire alarms, houses, including semi-detached houses, townhouses and duplexes, are exempt from the new codes.

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Algonquin College backs off on idea for tattoo program, after opposition

Education. School cites lack of industry support, tattoo studio declares victory



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Algonquin College has decided not to develop a tattoo artistry program after receiving feedback from Ottawa tattoo studios who opposed the idea.

The decision came after Living Colour, a downtown studio, launched an online petition calling for the college to “cease and desist” developing the program, which was only at the idea stage.

In an interview with Metro, Living Colour manager Alyssa Iswolsky argued the art of tattooing has no place in a classroom.



Junior tattoo artist Alicia Alderson tattoos a woman's leg Monday at Living Colour in Ottawa. JOE LOFARO/METRO

She also said the idea of charging students to learn something that has historically been handed down from

artist to apprentice would be nothing more than a “cash grab.”

As of Thursday, Metro's

story had been viewed more than 10,000 times in the three days since it had been published.

The college told Metro it regularly seeks feedback from professionals in the community when considering the de-

velopment of a new program for students.

In an email statement on Thursday, Algonquin College communications officer Phil Gaudreau said it was never the intention to replace the long-standing apprenticeship model.

“As part of our program development, we routinely run ideas and concepts by the local industry before we start developing a program — no industry support, no program,” the statement read.

“Based on the industry feedback we received, the college will not be moving forward with this. We thank all of those who provided their feedback.”

The online petition had collected 839 signatures by the time it closed on Wednesday.

Living Colour staff published a “victory” post on the petition page to thank supporters for their help.

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NDP Leader Andrew Horvath RICHARD J. BRENNAN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Barely a peep from Horvath

Sex assault claim.

Ontario NDP leader won't name accused candidate, nor will she say if he can run again

New Democrat Leader Andrea Horvath was tight-lipped Thursday when asked about allegations that one of her Ottawa-area candidates sexually assaulted a then-19-year-old volunteer.

Horvath would not identify the unsuccessful candidate nor say whether he has been prohibited from running for the party again.

Instead, she told reporters that her party has "very strong anti-harassment policies and those policies have been followed in this situation."

"My understanding is that we have followed our policy absolutely ... but I can't talk about details at this point because the police are investigating," said Horvath.

The complaint comes as all three parties at Queen's Park unanimously passed a motion Thursday to establish a select committee on sexual violence and harassment to consider ways of preventing sexual violence in all walks of life.

Horvath told reporters that she was aware of the situation but did not get thoroughly briefed until Thursday, a day after the allegations surfaced.

"I understood that there was a matter that the party was dealing with. I got fully briefed on it today," she said, adding she could not recall when she first got wind of the allegations.

The alleged victim, Genevieve Ratelle, declined inter-

In detail

Complaint filed with party, police

Genevieve Ratelle, an intern on Parliament Hill, told the Huffington Post that during the spring provincial election she was sexually assaulted by an Ottawa-area NDP candidate — whom she refused to identify — and filed a complaint with the party and this week with Ottawa police.

According to the Huffington Post story, Ratelle is concerned her alleged assailant might run in next year's federal election.

views but explained in writing why she originally shared her allegations with the media.

"Fear, revictimization, etc. can hold someone from speaking up. I hope my story will prompt other victims of sexual assault and harassment to come forward and tell their stories," Ratelle wrote.

Darlene Lawson, provincial secretary of the Ontario NDP, said she could not speak specifically about the complaint.

"I believe that this situation is in police hands at this point, so I'm not going ... in any detail at all," Lawson said.

"The Ontario NDP in all of our components takes any allegations of harassment very seriously and we have a policy, a party policy, that we follow in those circumstances," Lawson said. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Report in 2015

Ontario MPPs vote to set up committee on sexual violence and harassment

Ontario politicians have voted to establish a committee on sexual violence and harassment and will report at this time next year.

Progressive Conservative Laurie Scott first asked

for the committee in light of allegations against former CBC Radio host Jian Ghomeshi.

Ghomeshi was fired after CBC saw "graphic evidence" he had injured a woman. Within weeks, more than a dozen other women came forward with allegations of physical or sexual assault and one of workplace sexual harassment, all of which Ghomeshi denies.

The former CBC host is

facing four charges of sexual assault and one count of overcoming resistance by choking.

Scott says the committee is a victory for the people of Ontario.

"(Ontarians) deserve a comprehensive strategy to combat sexual harassment in the workplace and protect victims of sexual harassment from further harm," said Scott.

The committee will examine barriers that pre-

vent victims from coming forward and aims to hear "diverse voices," including those of young people, aboriginal people, visible minorities, seniors, people with disabilities and people from the LGBTQ community.

The committee will be made up of six Liberals, two Progressive Conservatives and two New Democrats, in spite of Scott's initial calls for equal party representation.

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Amid a growing chorus of criticism, Ontario's Finance Minister Charles Sousa says a deal between the LCBO and the Beer Store is already under review by privatization czar Ed Clark. CARLOS OSORIO/TORONTO STAR

Review beer deal: Critics

Consumer minister backs review. Concern that LCBO, Beer Store deal drives up cost of beer in Ontario

There is a growing chorus of voices, including Ontario's consumer minister, calling for a review of a long-standing agreement between the LCBO and the Beer Store.

However, Finance Minister Charles Sousa insists it's already under review by privatization czar Ed Clark.

Representatives from all political parties at Queen's Park say the deal, which was revealed by Torstar News Service, drives up the costs of beer for consumers and even more so for restaurants and bars.

"I am not opposed to any kind of review that helps to provide better value for consumers in Ontario," Consumer Minister David Orazietti said Wednesday.

His comments followed comments by Restaurants Canada stating that it has asked the federal Competition Bureau to investigate the "non-compete" deal between the Crown corporation and the foreign-owned, quasi-monopoly beer retailer. The bureau confirmed it received the request.

Restaurants Canada claims the deal exposed by Torstar restricts competition and inflates the price of beer in restaurants, bars and pubs.

"We have known of the existence of an agreement for years, but we did not know the depth of the complicity. This agreement fixes prices, territories and products," said James Rilett, Ontario vice-president for Restaurants Canada.

"Ontarians need a neutral third party to look into this secretive agreement."

Jeff Newton, president of Canada's National Brewers, countered with his own statement: "The allegations made today by Restaurants Canada are false and inaccurate, building on misleading and inaccurate statements reported this week by the Toronto Star."

"Restaurants Canada's claims that the Beer Store sets beer prices and that the LCBO/Beer Store Framework Agreement controls beer prices are both categorically false and misleading."

Newton said the Competition Bureau has had the Framework Agreement for a long time.

"The Bureau has never advised the Beer Store or its shareholders that it views the framework Agreement as anti-competitive or that it is in any way contrary to the Competition Act," he said.

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"The agreement can be terminated at any point."

James Rilett, Restaurants Canada

Big waiting list

Charity issues urgent appeal

Ottawa's Caring and Sharing exchange put out an urgent appeal for donations Thursday, saying 8,000 people are on a waiting list for help.

"The Caring and Sharing Exchange is working hard to provide assistance to the close to 18,000 individuals requesting help this holiday season ... but more than

8,000 people currently remain on the waiting list," the organization said in a statement.

To make a donation, visit www.CaringandSharing.ca or call 613-226-6434.

The group is also asking the public to help out by donating their empty beer, wine and liquor bottles at a bottle drive this Saturday.

Volunteers will be stationed at all Ottawa Beer Stores. **METRO**

LGBTQ

Choir puts queer twist on Christmas

Tone Cluster's Quite a Queer Qhrstmas Concert is coming to Centretown United Church, 507 Bank St. at 7:30 p.m. this Saturday.

In its 21st season of bringing choral music to the community, the group puts a twist on Christmas standards sure to make you roar with laughter.

Among the holiday goodies are Chuck Bridwell's Various Themes on Fa La La, including musical moments from Rossini's William Tell Overture, and Coming Out on Christmas by Dean X Johnson, a playful song set to Hark the Herald Angels Sing that begins with: "I intend to drop a bomb on my dear old dad and mom..."

Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door and \$10 for students. **METRO**

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World Folk Music.

Jam session by eight immigrants will share music from around the world and give their fellow new Canadians a chance to socialize and network



TREVOR GREENWAY
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Eight immigrants from Japan, Argentina, Chile and other countries are getting together for a music jam at the Sunnyside Wesleyan Church Friday to play original songs that express what Canada means to them.

The World Folk Music Ottawa Kitchen Party promises to get people moving with upbeat world music and offers immigrants a chance to network and socialize with others.

"The idea is to see what happens when you put people from different parts of the world together for a concert," said World Folk Music Ottawa Founder Alicia Borisonik. "It's a little bit of an experiment."

An immigrant herself, Borisonik started the organization to encourage immigrants and low-income families to take up instruments

If you go

- **Tickets.** \$20, available at The Ottawa Folklore Centre, 1111 Bank St., or by calling 613 730-2887.
- **Time.** Starts at 7 p.m.

and play music together.

She said she took advantage of grants and other services that helped her continue her passion of music after immigrating to Canada. She wants others to find similar success she has.

"If I can do this and receive all this support, I want to give others the same opportunity in a sense and teach them how to access all these services that Canada has," she said.

Her organization, which receives partial funding from the Ontario Arts Council and the Socan Foundation, conducts music lessons and workshops for those who don't have a lot of money and for those who are new to the country.

"Many low-income families and immigrants don't know about these services," she added. "There are a lot of artists who don't know how to access these possibilities."

Borisonik herself will be playing accordion at the event.



World Folk Music Ottawa conducts music lessons and workshops for immigrants and low-income families. CONTRIBUTED



Musical mayors

Bea Ross plays Christmas songs on the piano while the Old Grey Mayors — a group composed of mayors of cities that were amalgamated into present-day Ottawa — sing carols at the St. Patrick's Home of Ottawa on Thursday. The group included Brian Coburn, Guy Cousineau, Doug Thompson, Allan Higdon, current Mayor Jim Watson and current Councillor Riley Brockington. The group has been entertaining seniors home residents at Christmas time since amalgamation.

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Prison. Feds' response to Smith inquest 'Orwellian'

Canadian prison authorities are still looking at ways to cut the use of segregation and the time prisoners are forced to spend in isolation, the government said Thursday in responding to the Ashley Smith inquest.

The jury in the inquest into the choking death of the mentally disturbed teen made 104 recommendations a year ago.

"This strategy is intended to reframe the thinking about how segregation is used," the Correctional Service of Canada said in its report.

The service said it would consult further in hopes of developing options by June 2015.

Among other things, the Smith jurors recommended that "indefinite solitary confinement" be abolished and that long-term segregation not exceed 15 days. They also wanted restrictions on the number of periods that offenders can spend segregated.

Lawyer Julian Roy, one of

Segregation

In its 26-page response, the government rejects the term "solitary confinement." Instead, it states, Canadian law and correctional policy allow for "administrative segregation."

the lawyers who represented Smith's family at the inquest, said CSC's refusal to use the "solitary confinement" label as the jurors deliberately did is emblematic of the approach.

"They're playing the Orwellian game," Roy said.

Smith, 19, of Moncton, N.B., strangled herself in her segregation cell in Kitchener, Ont., in October 2007. Prison guards, under orders not to intervene, videotaped her as she died. She had spent most of the last three years of her life in segregation.

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Jury in Magnotta trial likely to be sequestered Monday

Diran Lin, father of Jun Lin, arrives to hear the closing arguments at the murder trial for Luka Rocco Magnotta on Thursday in Montreal. The Crown has completed its final arguments at the trial and is asking the jury to find Magnotta guilty of first-degree murder in the slaying and dismemberment of Jun Lin. The jurors have been sent home until Monday, when the judge will give them their instructions before they are sequestered.

RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

New policy. Doctors against abortion must give referral

Doctors who morally oppose providing abortion services or prescribing birth control will be required to refer patients to other physicians, according to a draft policy paper just released by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

The document reflects a struggle to balance the fundamental rights of patients with respect for doctors' personal values and beliefs.

"The draft policy sets expectations for physicians who limit the health services they provide due to their own clinical competence or on moral or religious grounds," the paper states.

The draft policy also states that a doctor is expected to ensure emergency care, even when that conflicts with the

Quoted

"We feel this is an excellent balance of human rights and constitutional rights."

Dr. Marc Gabel, chair of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario's policy working group

physician's personal beliefs.

"In order to protect patient safety, the draft policy requires that physicians provide care that is urgent or otherwise necessary to prevent imminent harm, suffering and/or deterioration, even where that care conflicts with their religious or moral beliefs," the policy states.

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Cheers and applause

Commons security receive tribute from MPs

Security officers who guard the House of Commons were given a rousing tribute in the chamber they are there to protect.

Speaker Andrew Scheer threw open the doors on Thursday and allowed dozens of guards on the floor of the Commons while MPs cheered and applauded.

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Bail hearing Friday

Montreal cop allegedly made death threats

A Montreal police detective-sergeant will have a bail hearing Friday in connection with alleged death threats against several people, Municipal Affairs Minister Pierre Moreau.

Moreau was the driving force behind recently adopted pension-reform legislation that has sparked protests. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SCOC imposes rules on cop cellphone searches

Privacy at issue.

Top court rules police have some rights to search cellphones without warrants, but must follow rules

A divided Supreme Court of Canada ruled Thursday that police can conduct a limited search of suspect's cellphone without obtaining a search warrant, regardless of password protection — but they must follow strict rules.

The precedent-setting ruling, reached by a narrow 4-3 margin, found that the search must be related directly to the circumstances of a person's arrest and that investigators must keep detailed records of the search.

In a dissenting opinion, the three opposing justices said the police should be required to obtain a search warrant in

all cases, except rare instances where there is a danger to the public, police or the evidence itself.

It is the first Supreme Court ruling on cellphone privacy, a 21st-century issue that has already spawned a series of divergent lower-court decisions.

The high court dismissed the appeal of the 2009 armed robbery conviction of Kevin Fearon, who argued that police violated his charter rights when they searched his cellphone without a warrant after he'd robbed a Toronto jewelry kiosk.

The court agreed that the police had in fact breached Fearon's rights, but said the evidence against him on his cellphone should not be excluded.

"The police simply did something that they believed on reasonable grounds to be lawful and were proven wrong, after the fact, by developments in the jurisprudence," Justice Thomas Cromwell wrote for the majority.

Cromwell said the court was trying to strike a balance between the demands of effective law enforcement and the public's right to be free of unreasonable searches and seizures under Section 8 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"In my view, we can achieve that balance with a rule that permits searches of cellphones incident to arrest, provided that the search ... is strictly incidental to the arrest and that the police keep detailed notes of what has been searched and why."

Fearon's phone had no password protection, but the justices said whether or not a cellphone is locked makes no difference to a user's expectation of privacy.

However, the ruling failed to satisfy some privacy rights advocates.

Raji Mangat, a lawyer with the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association, said the decision was a disappointment because the court failed

Police guidelines

The ruling laid out detailed criteria to guide police.

- The arrest must be lawful, and the search must be "truly incidental to the arrest" and based on a purpose consistent with "valid law enforcement," meaning the protection of the police, accused or the public.

- The ruling also said a phone can be subjected to a warrantless search if police take "detailed notes" of what they searched and how.

to strike the right balance between privacy rights and law enforcement.

She said that forcing police to get a search warrant "would not be an onerous requirement." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Top court to hear challenge on Khadr status



Omar Khadr THE CANADIAN PRESS

A decision by the Supreme Court of Canada to hear the federal government's challenge of Omar Khadr's youth status stunned his lawyers on Thursday, although not much would have changed for him if the decision had gone the other way.

Khadr had already agreed to remain in a federal prison

even though Alberta's top court had ruled unanimously he should be deemed a young offender and moved to a provincial facility.

"I'm stunned," Nate Whiting, one of Khadr's lawyers, said from Edmonton minutes after the high court said it would hear the case.

Now in his 12th year in custody, Khadr is serving out an eight-year sentence handed down by a U.S. military commission in 2010 after he pleaded guilty to five war crimes, including murder. Khadr was 15 years old when the offences occurred in Afghanistan in 2002.

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Bantleman. Lawyers fight defence's dismissal call

The prosecution in the case of a Canadian teacher facing allegations he sexually abused a kindergarten student at an Indonesian school has been in court to oppose a call by the defence for the case to be dismissed.

The brother of teacher Neil Bantleman of Burlington, Ont., says the prosecutor presented briefs Thursday in opposition to what is known as an application for exception.

An application for exception seeks a court ruling that a case should be thrown out.

Guy Bantleman said in an email to The Canadian Press that the court is to make a decision Tuesday on the matter.

Neil Bantleman and teaching assistant Ferdinand Tjong,

who have been in custody since July, are being tried separately in closed-door sessions. Both have maintained their innocence as do fellow teachers and the principal at the Jakarta International School.

In a letter filed with the court earlier this week, Neil Bantleman said the allegations in the indictment against him are "baseless and completely false" and that the indictment fails to comply with Indonesian law and should be "rendered null and void." The letter was emailed to The Canadian Press by Guy Bantleman.

Both Neil Bantleman and Tjong could face up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

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Ebola vaccine

Trials halted after subjects report pain

Swiss researchers have temporarily halted a clinical trial of a Canadian-made Ebola vaccine after seeing an unexpected side effect in a few people

who received the serum. Four of 59 people vaccinated in the Geneva-based trial reported pain in the joints of their extremities — fingers and toes — between 10 and 15 days after receiving the shot, researcher Dr. Angela Huttner said in an interview.

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CF-18 replacement decision can be delayed until 2025

F-35 debate. While the government can delay its decision, it must still quickly decide what will replace the aging jets: Report

A long-awaited market analysis into which fighter jet could replace the CF-18s tells the Harper government it can postpone a decision and keep flying the current fleet until 2025, but it will cost roughly \$400 million.

The report by a panel of independent experts, part of a package of documents put before the federal cabinet last summer, warns the aging jets should not be flown much past that date because it would be an unacceptable, costly risk.

All of the research was done to help the Harper government decide whether to purchase the F-35 stealth fighter, or hold an open competition.

"No decision has been made



A pilot positions a CF-18 Hornet at the CFB Cold Lake on Oct. 21. A market analysis into which fighter jet could replace the CF-18s tells the Harper government it can postpone a decision and keep flying the current fleet until 2025.

JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

on the purchase of replacements for the CF-18s," Public Works Minister Diane Finley told the Commons prior to the release of the panel report and annual F-35 cost assessment.

Earlier this year, Defence Minister Rob Nicholson's office announced the CF-18s would get life extension upgrades to keep them flying for another

11 years, but no details on cost or risks were released.

The panel's analysis looked at four different fighter jets and found each is equally capable of meeting Canada's needs, although the Harper government and the air force have insisted for years the F-35 was the only choice to replace the CF-18s.

Replacing the CF-18

In order to smoothly phase out Canada's fleet of CF-18s, replacements will have to be chosen by 2020, according to the panel's report.

- **The big decision.** The federal government would need at least three years to run an open competition, while F-35 orders need three years lead time according to the jet's manufacturer.

- **Maintenance costs.** While the lifespan of the CF-18 can be extended, pushing it towards 2030 would be costly, with the reliability of key systems declining quickly.

The report says the CF-18's relevance will decline rapidly after 2025, and will cost \$1.5 billion in maintenance leading up to 2030. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Publication ban case adjourned

Dartmouth. Man charged with releasing the name of a sexual assault victim granted time to review penalties

The lawyer for a man charged with violating a publication ban in a sexual assault trial in Halifax has been granted time to hear what penalties the Crown is considering.

Judge Patrick Curran granted the adjournment Thursday in Dartmouth provincial court, requiring David Winslow Sparks to return on Jan. 12. Sparks, 62, was charged in

September after police alleged he posted on social media the name of the victim in the sexual assault case. The identity of the victim is protected by a publication ban.

In July defence lawyer Lyle Howe was sentenced to three years in prison after being found guilty by a jury of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old woman in March 2011. Howe's lawyer has filed an appeal in that case.

Sparks is represented by Howe's wife, Laura McCarthy, who is also a defence lawyer.

McCarthy said outside court she's unclear what potential penalty the Crown is seeking and needs that information before advising her

Details

Outside court, David Winslow Sparks said the alleged offence was a post on Facebook and he's eager to deal with the matter in court and move on.

- "I'm anxious to get it over with," he said.

client on a plea.

"We adjourned ... to allow time to speak with the Crown and see what kind of resolution can be reached," she said.

"You don't want somebody making an uninformed decision." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Province scraps WWII-era law used at G20

G20 summit protesters clash with riot police in downtown Toronto on Saturday, June 26, 2010. A Second World War law used by police to make mass arrests during the G20 summit was officially scrapped Thursday and replaced with new legislation. The Public Works Protection Act was secretly revived by the Liberal government prior to the G20, and then used by police to "kettle" or detain large groups in the streets, and to arrest 1,100 people during the summit. Ombudsman Andre Marin concluded it was opportunistic and inappropriate to use a "war measure" to give police extra authority, and said police compounded matters by misrepresenting the reach of their new powers during the G20. The law designed to protect electrical generating facilities from Nazi saboteurs in the 1940s was replaced by a new bill that enhances security at courthouses, electrical generating stations and nuclear power plants.

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Manitoba

Teacher under investigation over Facebook comments about aboriginals

A high school teacher in Manitoba has been placed on leave and is being investigated over social media comments that one aboriginal leader called hurtful and racist.

Kevin Hart, who works at the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, filed a complaint with Kelvin High School Thursday, saying that a Facebook page under the name of Brad Badiuk, a technology teacher at the Winnipeg school, contained statements that said aboriginals are looking for free money from non-aboriginals.

The Facebook page had been deleted Thursday and

attempts to reach Badiuk were not successful.

The Winnipeg School Division would not name Badiuk, but said a veteran teacher was being investigated and could face disciplinary measures if found to have crossed a line. Those consequences could be anything from an order to undergo sensitivity training to outright dismissal.

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On Tuesday evening motorists in Canmore, Alta., pictured, rescued a cyclist from under a truck. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Passersby lift truck off pinned cyclist

Canmore, Alta.
Witnesses band together to save man after collision



JEREMY NOLA
Metro in Calgary

As he peered under the truck, Brad Blois could hardly make out the pinned cyclist.

But he could hear the moans.

A minute prior, a Ford Ranger had come up alongside and struck the two-wheeled traveller at the intersection of Canmore's Bow Valley Trail and Railway Avenue West. The momentum sent the cyclist sliding underneath the vehicle and he was pinned by the engine.

Numerous motorists witnessed the crash, which occurred around 9:20 p.m. Tuesday night, and they raced to

the scene.

"His (the cyclist's) feet weren't even hanging out under the bumper, he was right under there," recalled Blois, who runs a cab company in the town west of Calgary. "His face had lacerations all over it and he was just moaning."

"He sounded like he was in pain and he couldn't breathe."

Six initial witnesses — three men and three women — began attempts to move the rig off the man, but it proved too heavy.

Then, a bus rolled up across the road and more strapping lads stepped off.

"I said, 'I need strong guys... get on the truck, grab a part, we've got to lift it,'" Blois said. "They came over, there was probably nine or 10 of us, and we lifted it up ... the women pulled him straight out."

Blois said EMS arrived on scene seven or eight minutes later and rushed the cyclist to hospital. He was eventually

Quoted

"Just the urgency of the moment, with that fella needing their help, it was a miracle."

Brad Blois, crash witness

airlifted to Calgary, but RCMP have since indicated that he's in stable condition.

Blois paid credit to his fellow rescuers.

"If it was later at night and there had just been one person there, there would have been nothing they could do and if the driver had tried to back off of him, I hate to say it, but it would have tore him apart," he said.

"I can't explain what it was like to see everybody pull together and do something like that. Just the urgency of the moment, with that fella needing their help, it was a miracle."

Calgarian claims he's made over 15,000 requests for graffiti removal

He strolls inner-city sidewalks up to two hours a day, pausing every so often to snap a photo of graffiti. Then, the man who calls himself Dr. G jots down the co-ordinates of his latest find and any additional details he believes will aid bylaw officers with finding the tag when he logs it through the city's 311 service.

Dr. G says city managers have told him he averages 7,800 requests to remove graffiti annually — he figures his total complaint count to date is as high as 15,000.

"I think Calgary's a better

place without graffiti, let's just put it that way," he said in an interview Thursday.

To quell skeptics, Dr. G provided Metro with a personal log of thousands of complaints. He also provided his real name on the basis that it not be printed, fearing backlash from perturbed business owners and urban graffiti enthusiasts alike.

There are some who often find themselves on the receiving end of Dr. G's graffiti gripes that have come to learn his true identity, including Kevin Schneider with City Print Distribution Inc.

The company he works for delivers numerous magazine and print publications in the city — including Metro — and the boxes where such items are stored are common targets for taggers.

But Schneider is not a big fan of the so-called doctor, stating he takes things too far and abuses a system set up in good faith by the city. "It's harassment ... it's coming to the point where, yes, we'll get to them (the tags), we just don't have to do it as quickly as we like."

"It can't all be on (Dr.G's) schedule." JEREMY NOLA/METRO

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Commemorating the Christmas Truce

Soccer. Moment of WWI peace, goodwill memorialized by monument in Belgium

On the side of a windswept field covered with scorpion weed, a simple wooden cross marks a unique event in soccer history.

At its base, amid wreaths of poppies, lie a smattering of balls and various club pennants, all in remembrance of the Christmas Truce of 1914.

A century ago on Christmas Day, German and British enemies left their World War I trenches and headed into no man's land in a few scattered locations on the Western Front for an unofficial truce among soldiers. Some eyewitness accounts say they were highlighted by something as remarkable as a few soccer kickabouts.

"Suddenly a Tommy came with a football," wrote Lt. Johannes Niemann of Germany, referring to a British soldier. "Teams were quickly estab-

lished for a match on the frozen mud, and the Fritzies beat the Tommies 3-2."

If not fully fledged matches, other soldier's diaries and various reports also spoke of balls being kicked about in friendship.

"A huge crowd was between the trenches. Someone produced a little rubber ball so of course a football match started," Lt. Charles Brockbank of Britain's Cheshire Regiment wrote in his diary, which is part of the Greater Game exhibit at the National Football Museum in Manchester, U.K.

The proponents of the sport have cherished that day as historic proof that there is little that can better bridge man's differences than soccer.

This Christmas, the British supermarket chain Sainsbury's has taken the idea and turned it into a blockbuster ad, showing opposing soldiers living the truce amid a soccer match at the centre of the heart-tugging, some say sanitized, view of that Great War day.

It is that unique mood of



UEFA president Michel Platini, right, and the mayor of Ploegsteert, Gilbert Deleu, listen to speeches after unveiling a World War I Christmas Truce monument in Ploegsteert, Belgium, on Thursday. VIRGINIA MAYO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

brotherhood that Michel Platini, the president of the Union of European Football Associations, planned to underscore on Thursday when he unveiled a Christmas Truce monument

on the former battlegrounds known as Flanders Fields in western Belgium, scene of some of the most horrendous killing.

"Together, they performed

simple acts of reconciliation, culminating in the discovery of a shared language: football," Platini wrote to European Union leaders early this year.

Footballers in the war

Football (soccer) players had been involved in the fighting from the early days.

- Of the 5,000 professional players at the time, about 2,000 joined the armed forces. Sometimes whole lineups signed up at the same time to create what became known as the Footballers' Battalions.
- London club Clapton Orient, now known as Leyton Orient, alone had about 40 players and staff joining the war effort, all following the steps of their team captain.

For those involved, it was most of all a yearning for a sense of normalcy, however momentarily, that pushed them over the edge of their trenches, unarmed.

The war started on Aug. 4 when the German invasion of Belgium kicked off a series of events. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Air Serbia. Airline to fly between Belgrade, Zagreb

Air Serbia says it will resume flights between Belgrade and Zagreb on Friday after a 23-year break.

Flights between the Serbian and Croatian capitals were discontinued in 1991 because of the war between the two former Yugoslav republics.

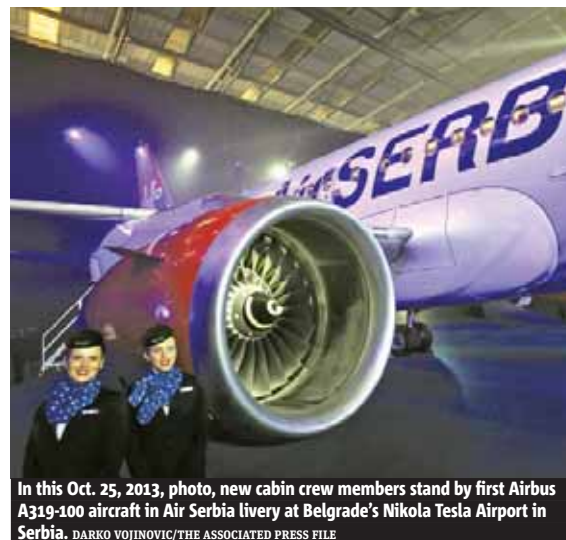
The Serbian national carrier, partly owned and operated by United Arab Emirates' Etihad Airways, says it

will offer two daily flights with ATR 72 turboprop aircraft.

During the summer, Air Serbia flies to the Croatian Adriatic resorts of Dubrovnik and Split. Croatian Airlines says it has no plans to fly to Belgrade.

Political tensions remain high between Serbia and Croatia, although economic and other ties are on the rise.

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In this Oct. 25, 2013, photo, new cabin crew members stand by first Airbus A319-100 aircraft in Air Serbia livery at Belgrade's Nikola Tesla Airport in Serbia. DARKO VOJINOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Push for two states

France recognizes Palestinian state

France's Senate has narrowly approved a resolution asking the government to recognize a Palestinian state, in hopes that could be a tool in negotiations for lasting Mideast peace.

Legislators and officials around Europe are increasingly pushing for two states, disappointed with stalemate in Israeli-Palestinian peace efforts.

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Palestinian state

Israel angered by Irish decision

Israel has slammed the decision of the Irish parliament to adopt a non-binding resolution supporting an independent Palestinian state.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Emmanuel Nahshon expressed disappointment Thursday at the decision, accusing the Irish parliament of giving voice to "statements of hatred and anti-Semitism directed at Israel in a way which we have not heard before."

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CIA chief recounts horrors of Sept. 11 in defence of tactics

Senate torture report.
Says CIA's interrogation practices did not lead to a safer America

CIA Director John Brennan defended his agency Thursday from accusations in a Senate report that it used inhumane interrogation techniques against terrorist suspects with no security benefits to the U.S. But he stopped short of claiming that the tough methods saved thousands of American lives.

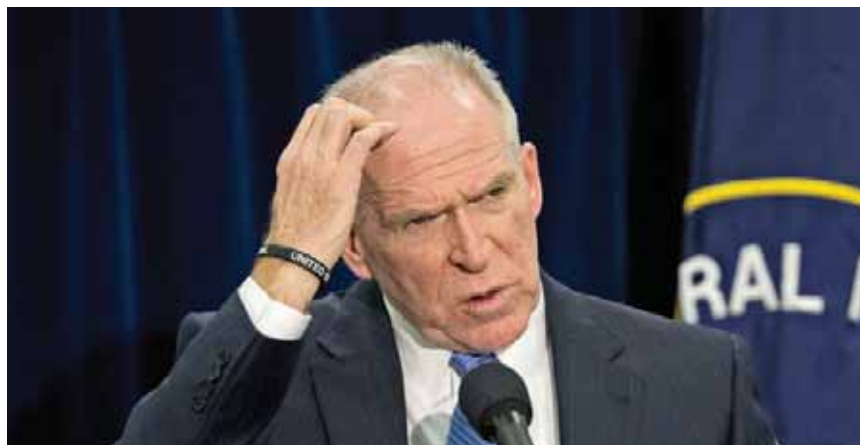
Brennan conceded that it is impossible to know whether the detainees provided crucial information because of the "enhanced interrogation techniques." He said the cause-and-effect relationship is "unknown and unknowable." He conceded unauthorized and in some cases abhorrent methods

were used against captives, but asserted the CIA "did a lot of things right" in a time when there were "no easy answers."

Brennan opened a rare news conference by recounting the horrors of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, his agency's determination to prevent another such assault and the fact that CIA officers were the first to fight and early to die in the Afghanistan war.

His remarks were part of a campaign by the CIA and several of its past leaders to discredit a five-year Senate investigation into the CIA's harrowing interrogation practices after 9-11, concerned that the historical record may define them as torturers instead of patriots and expose them to legal action around the world.

The Senate intelligence committee's report doesn't urge prosecution for wrongdoing, and the Justice Department has



CIA Director John Brennan gestures during a news conference at CIA headquarters in Langley, Va., Thursday. Brennan defended his agency from accusations in a Senate report that it used inhumane interrogation techniques against terrorist suspects with no security benefits to the nation. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

no interest in reopening a criminal probe. But the threat to former interrogators and their superiors was underlined as a UN

special investigator demanded those responsible for "systematic crimes" be brought to justice, and human rights groups

pushed for the arrest of key CIA and Bush administration figures if they travel overseas.

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Summoned

Closing Guantanamo

Fed up with the stalled progress toward closing the Guantanamo Bay detention centre, President Barack Obama summoned top administration officials to the White House for an unusual meeting last month to make it clear he wanted action. The president addressed the team at length, emphasizing why he wants to shut down the detention facility for terrorism suspects, according to administration officials familiar with the meeting, which wasn't on Obama's public schedule.



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Hong Kong police destroy protest camp

209 arrested. Activists taken away by police swear fight for fair elections isn't over

Hong Kong authorities demolished a protest camp Thursday at the heart of the city's 2-1/2-month pro-democracy movement but scores of activists taken away by police vowed their fight for genuine elections wasn't over.

Hundreds of police officers armed with chain saws and bolt cutters methodically dismantled barricades, tore down canopies and removed banners in a daylong operation to shut the protest site sprawled across a normally busy highway next to the specially administered Chinese city's business district.

Police said 209 people were arrested for unlawful assembly and obstructing police officers.

The operation was peaceful and unmarked by the violent clashes seen in previous con-



Police officers take away a protester at the occupied area outside government headquarters in Hong Kong Thursday. KIN CHEUNG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

frontations between protesters and police. Traffic started flowing on the road by mid-evening.

The student-led protesters had occupied streets in the Admiralty neighbourhood and two other areas since Sept. 28 to protest Beijing's restrictions on the first election of the city's top leader.

The unprecedented campaign, which began as a separate protest led by student and

activist groups, got a jumpstart when police fired dozens of tear gas rounds on a group of demonstrators flooding into the area. The resulting movement paralyzed traffic, polarized public opinion and, activists said, marked the start of an era of civil disobedience in Hong Kong, an orderly Asian financial hub where residents are increasingly worried about mainland China's growing sway. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Having fun despite flood

Aidan Perez, left, 12, and Christopher Dow, right, 11, use a shopping cart in the flooded parking lot of a shopping centre Thursday in Healdsburg, Calif. A powerful storm churned through Northern California Thursday, knocking out power to tens of thousands. **ERIC RISBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Likely extremist attack

At least 31 killed in Nigeria blasts

Activists said at least 31 people were killed Thursday when twin explosions rocked downtown Jos in central Nigeria in what appears to be the latest attack by Islamic extremists.

The blasts occurred as store owners were shutting their shops and Muslims were preparing for evening prayers.

One blast went off at an outdoor food stand called Mr. Bigs and the other at the nearby entrance to the Terminus market in the centre of the city, according to witnesses.

Soldiers and police said they were ferrying the wounded to hospitals.

Rescue workers had removed 31 bodies and operations were continuing, civil rights lawyer Ahmed Garba told The Associated Press. Mark Lipdo of the Stefanos Foundation charity said rescue workers also told him at least 31 people were killed and several were injured, some critically. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Cuban rappers used by U.S. agency

USAID. American agency used Cuba's hip-hop scene to undermine the state, create youth advocates for social change: AP

Over two years a U.S. agency secretly infiltrated Cuba's underground hip-hop movement, recruiting unwitting rappers to spark a youth movement against the government, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

The idea was to use Cuban musicians "to break the information blockade" and build a youth network seeking "social change," documents show.

The program is laid out in documents involving Creative Associates International, a Washington, D.C., contractor paid millions of dollars to undermine Cuba's communist government. The thousands of pages include contracts, emails, preserved chats, budgets, expense reports, PowerPoints, photographs and passports.

Contractors involved in the hip-hop operation would recruit scores of Cuban musicians for projects disguised as cultural initiatives but really aimed at boosting their visibility and encouraging a movement of fans to challenge the government.

One target was Los Aldeanos, a hip-hop group frustrated by official pressure and widely respected by Cuban youth for its hard-hitting lyrics.

Creative used a Panama front company and a Lichtenstein bank to hide the money trail from Cuba, where thousands of dollars went to fund a TV program starring Los Aldeanos. It would be distributed on DVDs to circumvent Cuba's censors.

Then the Colombian rock star Juanes announced a September 2009 concert in the heart of Havana. Creative managers held a two-day strategy session on how to persuade Juanes to let Los Aldeanos perform with him.

They never shared the stage, but Juanes publicly thanked the rappers after the concert. The contractors believed this measure of public support would



In this Nov. 30 photo, Cuban fans sing during a hip-hop concert in Havana. Documents obtained by The Associated Press show that a U.S. agency infiltrated Cuba's hip-hop scene, recruiting unwitting rappers to spark a youth movement against the government. RAMON ESPINOSA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

help protect the group against the government; however, Juanes' spokesman John Reilly said Wednesday the concert had no political agenda, and that Juanes had no knowledge of what the other artists did.

About a month later Los Aldeanos' frontman, Aldo Rodriguez, was detained for illegal possession of a computer.

Creative contractors at one point contacted a sex education institute run by the daughter of President Raul Castro, Mariela, who was contacted to be part of

Serbia's EXIT Festival, despite organizers — such as Serbian contractor Rajko Bozic — also running the anti-Castro hip-hop operation.

Cuban officials ultimately discovered what was going on once contractors paid \$15,000 to underwrite a music festival run by singer Pablo Milanese.

Over the next four months Bozic was detained coming into Havana with a potentially incriminating USB stick, generating anxiety among contractors. Bozic cut his trip short and told

contractors he wouldn't be returning any time soon.

In August 2010 Los Aldeanos took the stage at an independent music festival and criticized the government and police. The group later moved to South Florida, citing the government was making it difficult to work.

On six occasions a U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) contractor said Cuban authorities detained or interrogated people involved in the program, confiscating computers containing informa-

Compromised culture

USAID plan hurt hip-hop

The operation compromised Cuba's vibrant hip-hop culture, which has produced some of the hardest-hitting grassroots criticism since Fidel Castro came to power in 1959. Artists that USAID contractors tried to promote left the country or stopped performing amid pressure from the Cuban government, and one of the island's most popular independent music festivals was taken over after officials linked it to USAID.

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tion that unwittingly jeopardized the safety of numerous Cubans; not realizing they were part of a clandestine U.S. operation. The Associated Press investigation found that despite this, USAID put themselves and their targets at risk.

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CBC to trim local TV newscasts

Five-year strategy.

Changes are part of plan to shift priorities from TV and radio to mobile and digital

CBC will shorten all local super-hour newscasts to 30 or 60 minutes and will broadcast Radio One morning shows on TV beginning next fall.

The changes are part of a five-year strategy to shift priorities from radio and television to mobile and digital announced by the public broadcaster in June.

Currently, most super-hour newscasts at the CBC are 90 minutes.

Shows in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Halifax, Charlottetown, St. John's and the North will be trimmed to 60 minutes. Programs in Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Wind-

Digital offerings

- CEO Hubert Lacroix announced in June that the broadcaster was planning to cut down local newscasts as part of a plan to increase digital offerings by 2020.
- He did not provide details at that time. But he did say that between 1,000 and 1,500 jobs would be trimmed over the next five years.

sor, Montreal and Fredericton will be chopped to 30 minutes.

CBC will broadcast local Radio One morning shows on TV between 6 and 7 a.m. in all existing markets except the North.

To offset the reduced newscasts, CBC said it would introduce regular local television newsbreaks during the day and

prime time.

It also said it would maintain, and in some cases grow, its spending in local investigative journalism.

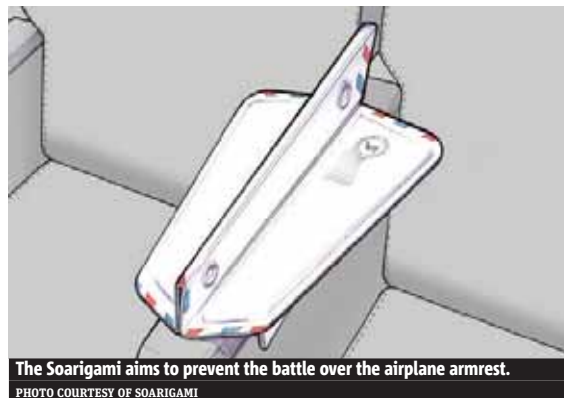
Also beginning next fall, CBC will introduce new services specifically for mobile users.

The broadcaster did not specify how jobs would be impacted by the changes.

"CBC/Radio-Canada's new local strategy is about changing how we serve the audience. We are moving to become a comprehensive four-platform local news service — across the day and on demand," Heather Conway, executive vice-president of English Services, said in a statement.

CBC Radio-Canada has already begun rolling out new regional websites across the country with geo-located French-language content. These websites, along with other new digital content, will be available countrywide by fall.

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The Soarigami aims to prevent the battle over the airplane armrest.
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Invention. Device could end in-flight elbow wars

A B.C. man has invented a device that he claims could finally bring an end to in-flight elbow wars.

Called Soarigami, the plastic divider attaches to an existing armrest and doubles the usable space, preventing the possibility of awkward elbow rubbing with strangers.

"We're trying to make flying less stressful and just kind of lighten the mood a little bit," company co-founder Arthur Chang told Metro.

When it launches, Soar-

igami — which takes its name from Japanese words sora (sky) and gami (grace) — will take on the form of a simple, paper airplane-inspired origami design.

Chang, who grew up in Vancouver but now calls Dallas home, said he came up with the idea while trapped in an air-travel nightmare. He was stuck in the middle seat.

Available for pre-order online, Soarigami will go on sale for about \$30 and is expected to launch in early 2015.

THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

Anti-competition

Bureau probes Apple contracts

The Competition Bureau is investigating allegations that Apple uses anti-competitive clauses in its contracts with Canadian wireless carriers.

Spokesman Greg Scott says the bureau sought a court order earlier this week to compel Apple Canada Inc. to hand over records relating to the investigation.

The contracts relate to the supply of iPhones. The bureau says it has not yet concluded whether there has been any wrongdoing on Apple's part.

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New IP law

Google to block news from Spain

In a decision that will reverberate around the globe, Google announced Thursday it will close Google News in Spain and block reports from Spanish publishers from more than 70 Google News international editions due to a new Spanish law requiring aggregators to pay to link content.

Google News in Spain will shut down on Dec. 16 — several weeks before a new Spanish intellectual property law takes effect Jan. 1 requiring news publishers to be paid.

That means people in Latin America, where Spanish news organizations have sought to boost their audiences, won't see news from Spain via Google News in Mexico or elsewhere. Also set to disappear are reports in English from Spanish publishers like Madrid's leading El Pais newspaper.

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Redbox bets on more life in DVD rentals



A Redbox machine at a grocery store in Toronto. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Unlike other companies that have abandoned the physical media market, Outerwall is betting there's at least a few years left to make money renting out DVDs and Blu-rays.

The U.S.-based vending machine company, which operates the Redbox video rental kiosks and Coinstar money exchange machines, is trying to get Canadians reacquainted with the old routine of popping out to rent a movie.

And the company is offering Canadians some freebies

to give the rental machines a try. Lots of them.

New customers get a free one-day rental, all customers can take home a free movie on Thursdays — every Thursday — and after Christmas consumers will be offered yet another free offer, says Redbox president Mark Horak, who admits growth in Canada has not met expectations.

The company operates nearly 1,400 movie-rental machines across Canada and more than 42,000 in the

United States. Redbox had hoped to have twice as many machines in place in Canada by the end of 2013, but Horak concedes the company is still trying to build brand awareness here.

"Redbox is the dominant physical rental location now, we're just not in Canada to the extent we could be," says Horak. "There's a lot more emphasis right now on promotions than on new installations but we're still doing both." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Holiday shopping. Tough time for teen retailers

Being a teen can be tough, but catering to one is even more difficult. Teen retailers are learning that lesson the hard way this holiday season.

The longtime CEO of Abercrombie & Fitch on Tuesday abruptly retired just a week after the retailer posted an 11.5 per cent quarterly sales drop and slashed its annual profit forecast. And American Eagle and Aeropostale gave dismal forecasts for the quarter that includes the holiday shopping season after each posted weak sales for the fall.

Teen retailers are facing ho-hum results at a time when overall U.S. retail sales are up 5.1 per cent over the past 12 months, the Commerce Department said Thursday.

It's a major shift for teen retailers. They became popular in the last decade for their logo tees and trendy jeans, which became a high school uniform of sorts. But since the recession, these stores have been losing favour with their core demographic.

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IN DEFENCE OF CALGARY'S WORST DRIVER



THE KOHLER REPORT
By Rebecca Kohler

Water coolers were abuzz this week with talk of the latest YouTube sensation: Calgary's Worst Driver.

The four-minute video, caught on surveillance camera and seen by millions of people, depicts a woman in a silver BMW SUV trying to manoeuvre out of a parking spot. Her skills are so poor, the Beemer looks less like a vehicle and more like a confused bull charging backward at an invisible conquistador, in slow motion. She even hits a car behind her.

As I watched this driving instructor's nightmare, I was hit with several emotions: Frustration, incredulity and, I'll be honest, judgment.

But, as I snickered, the video started to feel quite familiar — not because I'd seen it before, but because I had

been *that driver*.

Don't get me wrong: I'm not as bad as Calgary's W.D., but, as someone who got behind the wheel only in her 30s, I'm also no Jacques Villeneuve. I once rented a car in Los Angeles and attempted to exit the parking lot the wrong way. I got stuck, and the Enterprise representative had to take over and get it out for me.

I think we were both glad I'd opted for the insurance.

Another time, at a Loblaws parking lot, I was trying to get into a tight spot and was dangerously close to the car beside me. As I struggled, I looked out the window and made eye contact with a man who was shaking his head "no" at me. It wasn't a sympathetic shake, it was more of a "you are a pathetic human being" gesture. I got red in the face and decided it was best I go home and not buy groceries that day.

It's easy to think other people are

idiots, because they're not us. It's like those times in public bathrooms when I'll hear someone in a stall having a bad bowel day. I'll think, "Gross. What a loser."

And then I'll remember that I, too, have eaten tainted sushi outside of the house. (As a side note, in these cases, I always feel compelled to look under the stall at her shoes — as if the fact that she's wearing Uggs will shed some light on why this is happening to her.)

Calgary's Worst Driver also had the worst luck getting caught on camera, so I hesitate to laugh too hard. Public humiliation could happen to any of us.

It's winter now. Imagine tomorrow you wipe out on the ice, only to have yourself broadcast on the CBC News as Toronto's Worst Walker. You'd have a whole YouTube comment section dedicated to your inability to

saunter. We live in a world where cameras are everywhere — and there are so many things I'm glad an iPhone hasn't caught me doing: From licking the inside of a pizza box to scratching the inside of my nose. With less luck, I would have already been crowned Canada's Most Disgusting Person.

All of this said, I'm not letting the lady behind the wheel of the silver BMW entirely off the hook; she's deserving of some of our collective scorn, not because she is a terrible driver, but because she hit a car and then (slowly) fled the scene. It's one thing to be a bozo on your own time, but as soon as you drag someone else into your incompetence, you should do the right thing and leave a note on your victim's windshield.

Being bad at something doesn't make you worthy of ridicule and judgment, but making someone else pay for it does.



To watch the notorious video, scan this image with your Metro News app. SCREENGRAB

Happy face/Sad face

From serpentine revenge to serpentine non-events, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week



SNAKES IN A CAFÉ

Ever been so mad at the absence of diced onions on your Tim's sandwich that you threw a snake at the cashier? Well one guy in Saskatoon (allegedly) has, and now he's facing charges. Police claim the suspect grabbed a garter snake from his friend's pocket and lobbed it behind the counter because his breakfast wasn't made to his liking. Talk about a hissy fit. (See what we did there?)



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MALALA YOUSAFZAI

On Wednesday this amazing Pakistani teen became the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Yousafzai brought her two best friends — who were also injured when she was shot by the Taliban — to Oslo with her to share in the incredible moment.



GOING NUTS OVER NUTS

How's this for air rage? An Air Korea flight was delayed when the airline chairman's daughter ordered a crew member off the plane for serving nuts in a bag rather than on a plate. Cho Hyun-ah — who is also an executive for the airline — may be charged for breaching aviation safety regulations by interrupting a flight.



EBOLA FIGHTERS

For their "tireless acts of courage and mercy," Time magazine has named frontline workers in the fight against Ebola as its Person of the Year. More than 600 health-care workers have developed the disease, and nearly 350 have died, according to the World Health Organization.



NOT EATEN ALIVE

In other snake news ... naturalist Paul Rosolie disappointed four million Discovery Channel viewers when his much-hyped two-hour show *Eaten Alive* — in which he was to wear a special suit and get eaten by an anaconda — fell short of its graphic promise. Rosolie was *not* eaten, but did suffer an arm injury from being constricted. In the words of Stephen Colbert: "You promised us Paul Rosolie would be eaten alive... But you only gave us 'Cuddled Alive.'"



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Going straight can be a rocky road

Top Five. From Bill Murray and Robin Williams to Jim Carrey and Jonah Hill, all comic actors eventually attempt to switch to more dramatic roles

Bill Murray became a big-screen superstar on the back of loose-limbed performances in comedies like *Caddyshack*, *Stripes* and *Ghostbusters*. By 1984, however, he was tiring of playing the clown and looking to do something with a bit more of an edge.

When director John Byrum gave him a copy of W. Somerset Maugham's 1944 novel *The Razor's Edge*, Murray responded the very next day.

Calling the director at 4 a.m., he said, "This is Larry, Larry Darrell," dropping the name of the novel's main character, an enigmatic man on a quest for spiritual fulfilment.

The resulting film bombed, with Roger Ebert suggesting Murray played "the hero as if fate is a comedian and he is the straight man."

Of course Murray has gone on to become a credible and in-demand dramatic actor, but the story of a comedian's rocky leap from farce to drama still rings true today.

Chris Rock's new comedy *Top Five* tells the story of Andre Allen, a fictional megastar trying to jump from silly comedies to *Uprize*, a serious drama about the slave revolt in Haiti.

Top Five is a new twist on an old story. Many comedians have tried to flick the switch from comedy to drama.

Robin Williams effortlessly hopped between genres. In 2002 alone, he made three films: the lowbrow laffer *Death*



Chris Rock wrote, directed and stars in his new comedy, *Top Five*. CONTRIBUTED

In Review

RICHARD CROUSE



to *Smoochy*, the psychodrama *One Hour Photo* and Christopher Nolan's thriller *Insomnia*.

Will Ferrell, Steve Carell and Jonah Hill are known for funny movies like *Blades of Glory*, *The 40-Year-Old Virgin* and *Superbad*, but each have stretched their dramatic muscles.

Ferrell's *Stranger Than Fiction* earned a good review from Roger Ebert, who said Ferrell "has dramatic gifts to equal his comedic talent."

Carell's new drama *Foxcatcher* looks poised to earn him notice at awards time.

And Jonah Hill is a two-time Oscar nominee for heavyweights *Moneyball* and *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

Top Five

Director. Chris Rock

Stars. Chris Rock, Rosario Dawson, Gabrielle Union

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The top five things to know about *Top Five* are: It works as a comedy, as a romance, as a look at creative fulfilment, as a showcase for Chris Rock's comedian friends and as a portrait of fame in the 2000s.

Rock, who also writes

and directs, stars as a comedian making a switch to serious drama.

Promoting his new movie and nuptials to reality star Erica (Gabrielle Union), he spends the day with reporter Chelsea Brown (Rosario Dawson) who urges him to think about his past and future.

Unlike his movie alter ego, Rock is clearly still interested in being funny in this personal film that crackles with energy and NSFW humour.

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Television. Hollywood Foreign Press disses Mad Men, Modern Family

On the television side, the nominations for this year's Golden Globes has some genuine surprises, a few head-scratching snubs and some clues about how the TV landscape is continuing to shift. HBO once again dominates the networks, pulling in 15 nominations, but Showtime is closing in with nine. And the most-nominated show, Fargo, was on basic cable channel FX, not HBO or another premium. HBO's True Detective, though, ranks second with four nominations.

Aside from the attention to the fantastic Fargo, it's also a delight to see Jane the Virgin — especially star Gina Rodriguez — get some attention, as well as the Amazon streaming series Transparent. But come on, Hollywood Foreign Press Association, no recognition for Mad Men, which is heading into its final run of episodes and continues to be one of the best shows

on television? And why does Downton Abbey continue to rack up nominations year after year — it earned two this year, for best miniseries and supporting actress Joanne Froggatt — when its quality continues to slide since its impressive first season? Still, it takes guts to not nominate comedy juggernaut and perennial Emmy favourite Modern Family for a single award, so kudos.

The Golden Globes air Jan. 11, hosted by Tina Fey and (the un-nominated) Amy Poehler.

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Television nominees

• **Drama series.**
The Affair;
Downton Abbey;
Game of Thrones;
The Good Wife;
House of Cards

ovan;
Kevin Spacey, House of
Cards;
James Spader, The Black-
list;
Dominic West, The Affair

Away With Murder;
Julianne Margulies, The
Good Wife;
Ruth Wilson, The Affair;
Robin Wright, House of
Cards

• **Drama, actor.**
Clive Owen, The Knick;
Liev Schreiber, Ray Don-

• **Drama, actress.**
Claire Danes, Homeland;
Viola Davis, How to Get

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Film nominees

• **Best picture, drama.**
Boyhood;
Foxcatcher;
The Imitation Game;
Selma;
The Theory of Everything

• **Best picture, comedy or musical.**
Birdman;
The Grand Budapest Hotel;
Into the Woods;
Pride;
St. Vincent

• **Best director.**
Wes Anderson, The
Grand Budapest Hotel;
Ava DuVernay, Selma;
David Fincher, Gone Girl;
Alejandro Gonzalez
Inarritu, Birdman; Ri-
chard Linklater, Boyhood;

• **Best actress, drama.**
Jennifer Aniston, Cake;
Felicity Jones, The
Theory of Everything;
Julianne Moore, Still
Alice; Rosamund Pike,
Gone Girl; Reese Witherspoon, Wild

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Birdman, Boyhood have golden touch



Not surprisingly, Birdman racked up seven Golden Globe nominations. CONTRIBUTED

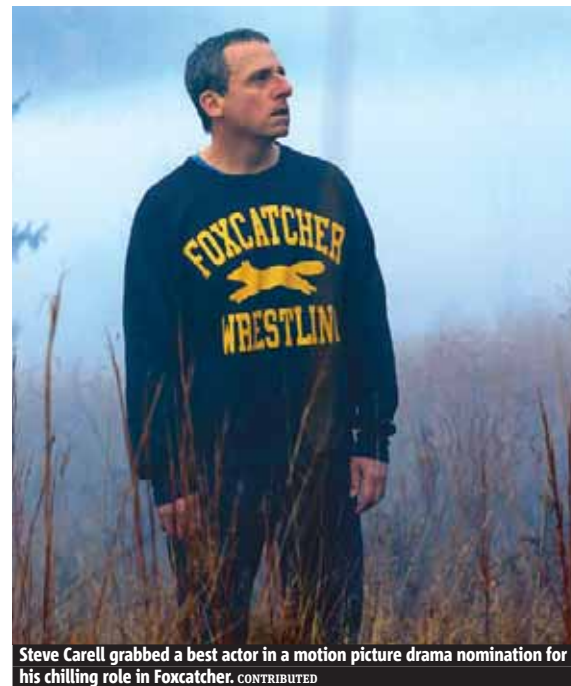
Awards. Aside from wild cards like The Judge, the Golden Globe noms are a pretty predictable lot

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Metro World News in New York

The Golden Globes, the Oscars' more fun, slightly more dishevelled younger sibling, rolled out their nominations for 2014. Traditionally what they pick has been a reasonably accurate prediction of what the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will themselves choose, as well as what has been feted by other laudatory organizations. And if you've been following critics groups' awards, you already know that Boyhood and Birdman are the best horses for your betting needs.

That said, there are always some wild cards, the most glaring being the nomination for Robert Duvall for The Judge — a rickety, faintly offensive stab at a crowd-pleasing awards gobble that presumably most people already forget ever existed.

In a similar but different vein, Jessica Chastain racked up her token nod for the 10,000 movies she did this year, but it wasn't for The Disappearance of Eleanor Rigby, as the Wein-



Steve Carell grabbed a best actor in a motion picture drama nomination for his chilling role in Foxcatcher. CONTRIBUTED

stein Company would have liked. Instead it's for her Brooklyn-accented work in the crime saga A Most Violent Year.

Julianne Moore wound up with two nominations — one for the Alzheimer's drama Still Alice, another for David Cronenberg's Hollywood satire Maps to the Stars, the latter, which had seemed to have been lost in the shuffle.

The most curious bits involved the Globes' classification system, especially what it designates as com-

edy and drama.

It's neat that they didn't try to elevate the very silly Birdman — or the even nuttier Inherent Vice, which scored a single nod, for Joaquin Phoenix — to the prestigious dramatic category.

That said, is Tim Burton's Big Eyes really a comedy? Its tale of a woman (Amy Adams) whose paintings are stolen by her abusive husband (Christoph Waltz) is very broadly played, but is that even the same thing?

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Ending it all by wrapping the beginning

Producer interview.

With the last Hobbit film, Peter Jackson is thrilled to finally finish his Lord of the Rings adventure

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Thirteen years, six movies and more than 1,000 minutes of film later, Peter Jackson is ready for a break.

"You can't believe how much we don't want anything to do," he says.

With the release of The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies, the journey that began with 2001's The Fellowship of the Ring has come to an end for the director and his wife, producer and screenwriter Fran Walsh.

"We haven't had a day when we've woken up and there hasn't been a deadline," he says of the last 13 years.

"Even if you go on vacation and they say, 'You finished the

first Hobbit movie and you can have three weeks off over Christmas,' but we have to come back and start work on the next one on January 6, so it has always been this sort of looming thing.

"Now we get to wake up and it is done, finished, nothing left to do. We deliberately haven't taken on any other work because Fran and I wanted so badly, for once in our professional lives of 30-odd years, to not have anything to do. That doesn't mean that six weeks into our holiday we'll not be so bloody bored that we'll immediately start another project. That would be fine. At least we'll do it for the right reasons."

The new film is the end of an era, and the beginning of one of the biggest movie franchises in history. As the third part of the Hobbit trilogy, it brings to an end Jackson's J.R.R. Tolkien's adaptations. In the chronology, however, it is mid-way, the film that sets up the Lord of the Rings pictures.

"To me it has significance because it is the moment in time where a six-film series

finally comes into focus," he says.

"We are only four or five years away from a generation arriving who will have no memory or knowledge of how these films were released when they came out. All they'll have is a six-part box set and hopefully they'll start at the beginning and go through to the end. To me, until this movie actually existed there were these parts that were floating out there that can now be together."

He may be done with the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit movies — "I have other things I want to make. I think it would be a terrible sad thing to spend the rest of my life going back over these films and trying to make them better" — but he's not done with the cast he built over the years.

"We've just got such a wonderful collection of actors of all different types, and we're friends now," he says.

"I would be a happy man if I could make movies for the rest of my life using the cast we've used to date. I love it when directors have relationships with the same actors in film after film. It's a fantastic thing."



Peter Jackson says he and his wife have no work planned now that The Hobbit trilogy has wrapped. CONTRIBUTED

Drama



Exodus: Gods and Kings

Director. Ridley Scott

Stars. Christian Bale, Ben Kingsley

From acclaimed director Ridley Scott (Gladiator, Prometheus) comes the epic adventure Exodus: Gods and Kings, the story of one man's daring courage to take on the might of an empire. Using state-of-the-art visual effects and 3D immersion, Scott brings new life to the story of the defiant leader Moses (Christian Bale).

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Critics: Audience:

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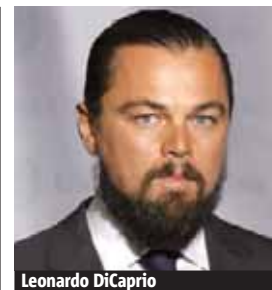
Depp goes straight to the art of naked Duchess Kate

Things could get awkward if Prince William and Kate Middleton ever have a run-in with Johnny Depp. The Pirates of the Caribbean star splashed out more than \$100,000 for a pair of pieces by street artist Pegasus featuring a naked Middleton. One, which gained notoriety when Pegasus spray-painted it on a wall in North London, features Kate cradling her pregnant stomach with a crown perched atop it, the logo for HBO series Game of Thrones stencilled underneath. Depp commissioned a second nude Middleton.

"I knew Johnny was coming and wanted the two Kate Middleton works," Pegasus' manager, Leonard Villa, tells InTouch Weekly. "He was extremely charming and immediately bought the painting and put down an offer for the second one." In addition to a double dose of the naked Duchess, Depp spent another \$40,000 on a Pegasus portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, though one can only hope she's more clothed than her granddaughter-in-law.



Johnny Depp ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES



Chris Rock frickin' loves Leo's brio

Chris Rock has been on something of a tear lately, making some pointed and perfectly worded observations about Hollywood, race issues in America and the like. But it's not all criticism for Rock. There are few things he has genuine appreciation for, like Leonardo DiCaprio's lifestyle.

As Rock tells Howard Stern during an interview: "I love the guy. He enjoys himself. If he's not doing a movie, he's 40 pounds more, with a fine motherf—er. With a beard and model. F— y'all. I'm eating cheeseburgers and f—ing fine bitches." The American dream, that.

Fan-fickle Benedict's sex talk stirs the plots



While debating the differences between his beloved Sherlock character and the main alien on Doctor Who on Chris Hardwicke's Nerdcast podcast, Benedict Cumberbatch used a few choice words sure to get the fan-fiction writers out there all hot and bothered.

"He talks fast and is clever. That is literally the only bracket they share," Cumberbatch says of the two iconic British characters. "They've got different dress senses, different taste in the sex of their partners ..." And there it is.

While Cumberbatch more innocently meant that Holmes is always aided by a male Dr. Watson (except on the U.S. version, Elementary), Doctor Who more commonly keeps a female assistant, though not always.

Still, feel free to let your imagination run away with you.

Drew Barrymore finally grows into her old soul

Drew Barrymore is turning 40 soon, everybody. Just let that sink in a minute. OK, now back to it: With a little over two months to go before she hits the big four-oh, Barrymore is taking stock. "I'm so excited," she tells E! News. "I finally feel the age that I am and I'll tell you why. I always felt older than the number I was. I was always too mature and adult and raising myself or running a company or I'm only 19 and I'm a homeowner. Forty feels like where I'm at. It makes sense." They grow up so fast, right?

Drew Barrymore



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Grade A gifts for teachers

Pop quiz. Gift class is now in session — first test, what to buy the teacher in your life

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Looking to pick up something special for your children's teacher?

A gift is a wonderful way to show appreciation for the important part that the teacher plays in their lives — and it's a great way to teach children that giving is an important part of the holidays, too. These fun and practical ideas are sure to get an A+.



Light thinking
Your teacher will appreciate this long-lasting candle, which will fill the air with a delightful aroma. This is the perfect gift to wrap up for the teacher to take home. Boxed scented amber candle, \$24.99, at HomeSense, homesense.ca.



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Surprise
Everyone loves surprises ... crackers contain a mini lip gloss and eye shadow from Quo Cosmetics. Quo Christmas crackers, 3/pack, \$15, at Shoppers Drug Mart, shoppersdrugmart.ca.



Happy owl-ids
Festive holiday mug is for the smartest teacher in the world. \$12, at Indigo, indigo.ca.



Pretzel logic
Everyone will love these bite-sized pretzels dipped in peppermint-flavoured white chocolate. Happy holidays. Peppermint pretzel frost bites, \$12, at Indigo, indigo.ca.



Scent test
Wrap up scented soaps for your favourite teacher. Floral grapefruit triple-milled soaps, \$12.99, at HomeSense, homesense.ca.



Chocolate lessons
Belgium is home to some of the best chocolate in the world ... these cookies are delicious proof. Sensations Belgium biscuits collection, \$7.99, at Sobeys, sobeys.com.



Apple of my eye
Here's an extra special apple for your teacher. Wrap up one of these specialty caramel apples for a sweet and creative gift. Caramel Apples, \$8.99 to \$12.99, at Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, rockychoc.com.



Take note
This red Coptic journal will make the teacher happy — it's practical and pretty. \$14, at Indigo, indigo.ca.



Bite-sized biscotti
Satisfy a teacher's sweet tooth. These traditional cookies come in a variety of flavours and are sure to satisfy the palate of even the strictest teacher. Pick up homemade biscotti at your favourite bakery or local supermarket.



Not sweet enough
Chocolate is one of teachers' favourite gifts to receive, and this simple gift idea is one you can put together or buy prepared ... hot chocolate in a jar. Toffee fudge hot chocolate in Mason jar, \$9.99, at Shoppers Drug Mart, shoppersdrugmart.ca.



Coffee break
Dishwasher and microwave safe, this tall porcelain latte mug is a perfect staff kitchen addition. You can sweeten this gift by filling it with jelly beans or your teacher's favourite candies. H2K tall latte mug, \$2.99/each, at Canadian Tire, canadiantire.ca.



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When kids head outside for recess, teachers often head to the staff room for a time out, too ... and a cup of tea. Premium tinced teas, \$4.99/each and porcelain tea cup and saucer, \$6.99, both at Winners, winners.ca.

5 Teacher Movies

Wrap up one of these classic DVD movies for your teacher.

- **Dead Poet's Society (1989).** An English teacher inspires students through his teaching of poetry.
- **To Sir, With Love (1967).** An idealistic engineer-

turned teacher in a rowdy East End London school learns how to win students' trust and respect.

- **School of Rock (2003).** A struggling rock musician becomes a substitute teacher at a prep school — and changes students' lives.

- **Mr. Holland's Opus (1995).** The entertaining 30-year career life of music teacher Mr. Holland.
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Moto 360 Smartwatch \$279

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Gift ideas for the foodie in your life

In the kitchen. Go big — why not get them something that's been on their wish list for years

RICK MCGINNIS
For Metro

Buying a gift for a foodie isn't terribly different from trying to find a Christmas present for your rich friend or relative — it's not what to get them, but what they don't have that's the problem.

For most foodies, eating out isn't nearly as much fun as eating in, and, as a result, their kitchens are usually stuffed to bursting with double boilers and mandolins and fish poachers.

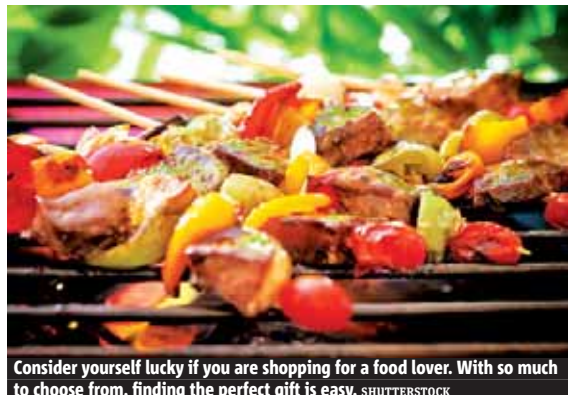
The best option is to go big — to buy them that high-end item that's been on their wish list for years. Right now, that would

probably be a sous vide. The tide has finally receded on the whole molecular gastronomy craze, but it's left behind a few vital techniques, prime among which is cooking with a sous vide — sealing meat or fish in a vacuum bag and immersing it in a bath of hot water, maintained at a constant but relatively low temperature and circulated for a long time.

The Rolls Royce of sous vide machines is the **Polyscience Professional Immersion Circulator**, which clamps on to the side of your stock pot or deep tray and maintains up to eight gallons of water at a perfectly steady temperature for hours. It's exclusive to Williams-Sonoma and sells for \$795.95 US on its website.

A more budget-oriented sous vide machine is the **Caso Sous Vide Center**, which looks like a bread maker and does

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the same job as the Polyscience in a smaller package tailored for family meals and not a full restaurant. It's available for as little as \$369 at cedarlaneculinary.ca, which also offers a sous vide package that includes a vacuum sealer, two rolls of vacuum bags and a cookbook for \$469.

Another thing about foodies is that they can never have too many cookbooks, and one of the bestsellers of the season is **Heritage by Sean Brock**, the Charleston, S.C.-based chef

that chef and TV personality Anthony Bourdain called "one of the most important chefs in America."

Beautifully illustrated with photos of food, produce and Brock's hometown, it includes recipes for everything from Hoppin' John — that most essential of southern comfort foods — to more ambitious dishes like chilled fennel bisque with citrus-cured scallops and almond oil. (\$24 at amazon.ca.)

People have rediscovered

their ovens lately as well — it must be the long winters — so your foodie friends might want to start upgrading their battered old tins and pans with something really nice, like a set of **Le Creuset bakeware**. Available in a range of colours, this revered line of French cookware brings a welcome note of Julia Child into any lab-like, stainless steel-filled modern kitchen.

Another piece of kitchenware undergoing a renaissance is the flat griddle, which requires a sympathetic cooktop and a bit of storage space, but will let you sear, sauté and fry more than one ingredient at a time. Griddles that straddle two burners on a stove are the most useful, and are made by everyone from Calphalon to Le Creuset to Lodge. **All-Clad's double-burner griddle** is nice and heavy, and available from the Bay for \$180. If you

don't have a stove that happily makes space for one, All-Clad also makes a **standalone electric model with a drip pan**, \$360 at the Bay.

Finally, it's nice to have something to cook. The paleo diet has put proteins at the centre of plates, but instead of big slabs of meat, smart cooks are setting smaller cuts on top of beds of legumes to showcase two kinds of protein. U.S. food website markethalloffoods.com features a fine range of dried beans, from a bag of **Rancho Gordo's flageolet beans** (\$8.50 US) to **black valentine beans** from **Community Grains** (\$7 US) to **fine French puy lentils** (\$13 US). Stuff a few of these into stockings or a gift box with baking dishes or saucepans and point foodie friends toward the kitchen.



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"This is one of those programs that really does make a difference... With the cost of parking and gas, there is just no way we could have afforded to do this without your sup-

port," says the mother of a four-year-old cancer patient who used the service here in Ottawa.

Established in 1954, Wheels of Hope now involves thousands of volunteers driving patients in communities across the province. It costs approximately \$16 million annually to run the program.

"When you're sick, the last thing you want to fret about is how to get to all your appointments," says Paul R, a Wheels of Hope volunteer in Ottawa. "It is my hope that I can help in some small way so that these people will have one less thing to worry about." To learn more about how you can support Wheels of Hope as a donor or volunteer, visit cancer.ca/wheelsofhope.

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Giving families the gift of a holiday season free of worrying if their children will have something to open on Christmas morning can be the greatest gift of all.

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"At Christmastime, many people naturally think of donating to charities such as ours and for that we are grateful," says

Cindy Simpson, Youville's Executive Director. "This year, we hope to encourage donors to consider gift cards, so that our clients can benefit well into the new year, particularly during times of crisis."

Gift cards to stores such as Loblaw's, Shoppers Drug Mart and Wal-Mart are invaluable for Youville's young mothers as they work hard to make ends meet.

You can support Youville's moms and babies by donating online at youvillecentre.org, or by mailing or dropping off a gift card or cheque to Youville Centre, 150 Mann Ave., Ottawa, ON K1N 8P4. To learn more, please call (613) 231-5150 ext. 128 or email communications@youvillecentre.org.

Improving access to safe, clean water

WaterAid, formerly WaterCan, is dedicated to increasing access to safe water, and improving hygiene and sanitation in the world's poorest communities.

WaterAid's current holiday campaign, Gifts of Water, targets eight municipalities in Monze district in southern Zambia, home to approximately 40,000 people. In some of these communities, only three percent of the population has access to safe, hygienic sanitation systems and many people can't access clean drinking water.

A series of WaterAid projects, delivered in partnership with local organizations and workers, promises to improve the situation dramatically: by 2016, all residents of the eight municipalities will have access to water and sanitation services. To donate, visit giftsofwater.ca.

The projects reflect WaterAid's vision of a world where everyone has access to safe water and sanitation.

"We aim to transform lives in some of the poorest regions of the world by improving access to safe water, hygiene and sanitation," says Peter Allen, CEO of WaterAid Canada.



Emelda Kalutwa must collect dirty water from a shallow well for her and her son, Rosta, in Chamva village, Monze District, Zambia. WATERAID/CANDACE FEIT

WaterAid appreciates that safe drinking water and adequate hygiene are essential to public health, education and prosperity in all communities, regardless of location. To maximize the beneficial impacts of its projects, WaterAid works with local partners who understand local issues and can help ensure that local populations acquire the skills and support they need to set up and manage systems.

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Five years ago, 265 Montreal Rd. was a run-down, abandoned building and suspected crack house.

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The OFC's offering — from addiction, depression, anxiety and general counselling, to housing assistance and legal services — meets the needs of residents of Vanier and the eastern part of the National Capital Region.

The key to the Centre's success is a close connection to the communities it serves.

"Volunteers deliver more than 70 per cent of our programs and services," says Josée Rollin, OFC's Executive Director. "Most people like to help other people. We give them the space and logistical support they need to help others effectively."

A wholly independent organization that receives no funding from governments or the United Way, OFC instead relies on — and is thankful for — both private donations and



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strong partnerships with local businesses, schools and agencies.

The Centre is a hive of activity and hosts multiple events simultaneously every week-day evening.

On a given night, these might include an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting and quit smoking workshop, while on another floor, specialists would provide one-on-one assistance for those looking for a job or affordable housing.

Unique and different is their Thursday Night drop-ins. Held every Thursday evening until 11 p.m., there is hot and cold food, movies, games and more as well as a counselor on duty. And Dec. 25th, the Center is serving 100 people Christmas dinner.

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Each year, Carefor Ottawa provides support services to people living with dementia and their families to better cope with the disease.

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It's beginning to taste a lot like Christmas

Chocolate-Coated Marshmallow Cookies. Switch those tired gingerbreads for something more fun



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Shortbread Cookies

1. In food processor, combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Add butter and pulse until mix is grainy. Add egg and vanilla. Pulse again until dough just begins to form. Shape into a disc with hands and cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Ingredients

Shortbread Cookies

- 3/4 cup (105 g) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup (53 g) sugar
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 cup (57 g) cold unsalted butter, diced
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp (2 1/2 ml) vanilla extract

Marshmallow

- 1 tbsp powdered gelatin
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) water
- 1/2 cup (105 g) sugar
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) light corn syrup
- 1/2 tsp (2 1/2 ml) vanilla extract

Chocolate Coating

- 8 oz (225 g) dark chocolate, chopped



This recipe makes 30 cookies. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

2. With rack in middle position, preheat oven to 350 F (180 C). Line baking sheet with parchment paper.

3. On floured work surface, roll out dough to about 1/8-inch (3 mm) thick. Cut 30 cookies using a 1 3/4-inch (4.5 cm) round cookie cutter. Place the cookies on the baking sheet. Bake 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Let cool.

Marshmallow

1. In saucepan, sprinkle gelatin over water and let bloom 5 minutes. Add sugar. Melt over low heat, stirring until the sugar and gelatin have dissolved.

2. Pour into bowl. Add corn syrup and vanilla and beat with an electric mixer until soft peaks form, about 10 minutes.

3. With pastry bag fitted with a 3/4-inch (2 cm) diameter plain, and filled with marshmallow, top each cookie with dome of marshmallow. Let cool for 30 minutes at room temperature.

Chocolate Coating

1. In a bowl in microwave, melt 5 oz (140 g) chocolate. Remove and add remaining chocolate. Stir until smooth. If necessary, microwave for a

few more seconds if chocolate does not melt. Be careful not to overheat the chocolate.

2. Dip cooled cookies, marshmallow side down, in the chocolate, flip and remove from the chocolate with a fork. Shake to remove any excess chocolate.

3. Place cookies on baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Refrigerate 30 minutes. Serve at room temperature.

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Liquid Assets

Bringing back bubbly



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Today's my birthday, so I thought I'd get a jump on New Year's Eve by talking champagne this week.

Unfortunately, the popularity of high-end fizz has seen better days.

For the average consumer, the proliferation of decent sparkling wine with a Champagne sensibility (and much cheaper price) from regions around the world has all but relegated the real stuff to special occasions.

The rise of prosecco, Italy's lightly effervescent sparkler, has had the biggest impact. Recent industry reports are that prosecco has surpassed champagne sales in North America for the first time.

That said, the region of Champagne in northern France is still the benchmark when it comes to infusing booze with bubbles. Non-vintage bubbly offers the best value, with Piper-Heidsieck Brut (\$54.95 - \$64.99) showing off classic nutty/toasty

aromas with an edge of bright citrus that ripples across the palate.

Fun fact: Champagne loves food, especially anything fat and salty.

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This recipe makes 16 cookies. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

Crowd-pleasing cookies

1. With the rack in the middle position, preheat the oven to 400 F (200 C). Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

2. In a bowl, combine the flour, baking soda and salt. Set aside.

3. In another bowl, cream butter and brown sugar with electric mixer. Add egg and beat until smooth and creamy. Using wooden spoon, stir in nuts and chocolate.

4. With floured hands, shape the dough into balls, about 2

tblsp) each. Arrange 8 balls on each baking sheet. Bake one sheet at a time until the cookies start to brown lightly around the edges, about 7 minutes. The

cookies will be very soft in the centre.

5. Let cool on the baking sheet. **RICARDO**

Ingredients

- 1 cup (140 g) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 1 pinch salt
- 1/2 cup (15 g) unsalted butter, softened
- 3/4 cup (180 g) brown sugar

- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup (65 g) unsalted macadamia nuts
- 4 oz (115 g) white chocolate, coarsely chopped

NFL

Newton counts blessings after car accident

Cam Newton is not worried about when he'll return to the football field — he said he's just happy to be alive.

The Panthers quarterback returned to the team's facility Thursday, two days after a two-car accident left him with two fractures in his lower back. He did not practise and his playing status will be re-evaluated next week.

"As far as when I'm coming back, who cares? I'm just thankful to have breath in my lungs," Newton said.

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World juniors

Canada hopes to get McDavid into exhibition game

Star forward Connor McDavid's cast is off, he has clearance for non-contact drills and is confident he'll be ready to play in the upcoming world junior hockey championship.

Now it's just a matter of seeing how things go at the Canadian team's pre-tournament camp in Toronto.

McDavid hasn't played in a game since breaking a bone in his right hand on Nov. 12. His cast wasn't removed until this week.

The junior phenom will be examined by doctors on a regular basis and the team says they're taking things day by day. But the goal is to get McDavid into at least one exhibition game before the tournament opener on Dec. 26.

"I can take full slapshots and all that, so the hand feels good," McDavid said. "The wrist is not too stiff at all. So it should be all good."

Thirty players have been invited to camp, which started with a Thursday evening practice. A total of 22 players will make the final team. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Connor McDavid with the Erie Otters on Sept. 26. GETTY IMAGES



Senators get down to business with Cameron

New Senators head coach Dave Cameron barks orders to his players during the first period of Thursday's game against the Los Angeles Kings. The Senators were behind 2-0 at the game's midway point. Go to metronews.ca for the final score. **FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Marsh award goes to limit-pushing sledder

Bodsled. Olympic gold-medal defender named Canada's top athlete for 2014

Kaillie Humphries didn't have much time to celebrate.

Moments after learning she had won the 2014 Lou Marsh Trophy as Canada's top athlete, the 29-year-old bobsled pilot was off to the track for her final practice session ahead of this weekend's season-opening World Cup race.

"Trying to be focused on both of these runs today was probably one of my biggest challenges I've had so far this year," Humphries said Thursday from Lake Placid, N.Y. "It's such an amazing honour and I'm so, so excited to be amongst sport royalty."

The first bobsledder to win the Lou Marsh Trophy, Humphries became the first female in her sport to win back-to-back Olympic gold when she captured her second title in Sochi.

Humphries also carried



Kaillie Humphries and brakewoman Heather Moyse won their second bobsled gold medal as a team in Sochi. **LOIC VENANCE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES FILE**

Canada's flag along with brakewoman Heather Moyse into the closing ceremonies in Russia.

"Most of the time you see hockey or football, you see a lot of the top sports (win the award)," said Humphries, who also won her second World Cup title in 2014. "So to be the one to represent a not-as-popular sport is a pretty big honour."

Women's tennis player Eugenie Bouchard, men's tennis player Milos Raonic, Los Angeles Kings defenceman Drew Doughty and lacrosse star

Johnny Powless were the other finalists. Calgary Stampeders running back Jon Cornish won the award last year.

Along with her two Olympic gold medals, Humphries has captured 28 World Cup medals and seven world championship medals.

Despite that long list of accomplishments, Humphries said she was surprised to win the trophy, that is named after a former Toronto Star sports editor and awarded annually to Canada's top athlete as selected

New frontier

Humphries, who grew up as a competitive skier, but switched sports after breaking a leg in two separate accidents, continues to push the boundaries of bobsledding.

- She has long lobbied for the chance to race against men, and the International Bobsled and Skeleton Federation decided this year to make the four-man event gender neutral.

by representatives of the country's top news organizations.

"When you hear the list of athletes that have won it previously you've got (Sidney) Crosby, you've got (Wayne) Gretzky, you've got Donovan Bailey — the list goes on and on," said Humphries. "When I think of myself as an athlete, sometimes it's hard to put myself in the same category as the athletes I've grown up watching or knowing about."

"It's shocking for me."

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Landing Latos underlines the Marlins' intent to rule NL East

Another big signing. Former Cincinnati Reds ace follows Stanton as Miami steps up to 'play into October'

The Miami Marlins are serious about contending in the NL East. If signing slugger Giancarlo Stanton to a monster contract last month wasn't proof enough, a late flurry at the winter meetings sure made it clear.

Miami acquired right-hander Mat Latos from the Cincinnati Reds on Thursday morning for pitching prospect Anthony DeSclafani and minor league catcher Chad Wallach, just a short nap after landing All-Star second baseman Dee Gordon in a flashy seven-player trade with the Dodgers late Wednesday night.

"We want to build and we want to be competitive every year, and we want our team to play into October," said Mike Hill, Miami's president of baseball operations. The Reds

traded away two arbitration-eligible starters in quick succession Thursday morning to help meet payroll restrictions. They also sent Alfredo Simon to the Detroit Tigers for two more youngsters, right-hander Jonathan Crawford and infielder Eugenio Suarez.

"This is it for now," Reds general manager Walt Jocketty said after a busy final morning of the winter meetings. "We got close to where we need to be — payroll-wise." The Marlins gave up their top pitching prospect, left-hander Andrew Heaney, in the deal for Gordon and right-hander Dan Haren.

Haren has indicated that he might retire rather than play for a team far from his family in Southern California, and Miami dealt their next best pitching prospect in DeSclafani to provide rotation depth.

"I think the Latos deal has really insulated us from that, so if anything happens in that direction, we still have a formidable rotation," Hill said. "And if he stays, we have the player that we wanted."

The 27-year-old is coming

Elsewhere

Baseball's winter meetings ended with an old-style spurt of swaps, with All-Stars switching teams at a rapid pace and executives scrambling to fill roster voids.

Alfredo Simon, Dee Gordon, Yoenis Cespedes, Miguel Montero, Jeff Samardzija, Brandon Moss, Dan Haren and Howie Kendrick were among the All-Stars dealt by the time teams headed home Thursday, and Matt Kemp and Jimmy Rollins were on the verge of switching clubs.

off an injury-plagued season. He made only 16 starts because of the knee and an injured pitching elbow, going 5-5 with a 3.25 ERA. He will help bolster a Miami rotation that will be without 2013 Rookie of the Year Jose Fernandez, recovering from a May elbow-reconstruction surgery till the middle of 2015. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



The Miami Marlins acquired ace Mat Latos in a trade with the Cincinnati Reds on Thursday. DENIS POROV/GETTY IMAGES

'Happy' Babcock won't talk about extension



Mike Babcock's Red Wings entered Thursday in first place in the Eastern Conference (17-6-6, 40 points). BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

If a contract extension between the Red Wings and Mike Babcock is indeed imminent, it appears to be news to the Detroit head coach.

An animated Babcock addressed reporters after the Red Wings' practice Thursday, candidly shooting down a media report that surfaced last night suggesting he was about to re-sign with the Original Six NHL club.

"Guys, this is like a fantasy world," Babcock said when asked about the report.

"I'm happy here. I like the general manager, they treat

me good. I don't know what else I can tell you."

Babcock is in the last year of his current contract with the Red Wings, but he said he and general manager Ken Holland decided not to discuss contract negotiations during the season to prevent such talks from becoming a distraction.

"As far as negotiation between Mike Babcock and Ken Holland, there is none," he said. "Do we ride on the plane together? Yeah. Was I out with his wife and his daughter the other night?

Yeah. I think I had a glass of red wine and he had Coors Light. There's nothing more to tell.

"I'm not hiding anything, I'm not making anything up, this is just reality. So let's not do this again tomorrow."

The Red Wings have made the playoffs for nine straight seasons under Babcock, winning the Stanley Cup in 2008.

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Eastern Conference (17-6-6, 40 points). They appear to be poised for another strong season. The Red Wings entered Thursday in first place in the Eastern Conference (17-6-6, 40 points). Babcock said the Red Wings' impressive record this year should not come as a surprise.

"If you think I'm working harder this year because I'm in the last year of my contract, it makes no difference," he said. "I grind, that's what I do. I'm a professional grinder; I love winning." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NHL

Slew-footing ban for Garbutt

The NHL has suspended Dallas Stars forward Ryan Garbutt for three games for slew-footing Winnipeg Jets defenceman Dustin Byfuglien. The incident happened during Winnipeg's 5-2 win in Dallas on Tuesday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Figure skating

Duhamel and Radford shine

Canada's Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford are poised to capture their first Grand Prix Final medal after winning the pairs short program Thursday. The pair earned a season's best overall score of 74.70 points. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Radford and Duhamel GETTY IMAGES

NHL

Mumps moving around the league

The NHL is facing an unusual outbreak of the mumps. So far, about a dozen players on four teams have been diagnosed with the illness that usually strikes children.

It started in Anaheim and plagued the Ducks, who had three players affected. It then

moved to the Minnesota Wild, who had five victims. Tanner Glass of the New York Rangers then came down with it and the New Jersey Devils say two players also turned up sick. The virus is very infectious and close quarters can lead to multiple victims. It can occasionally cause complications, but most victims recover quickly. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Soccer

Retired Ronaldo buys into Strikers

Retired Brazilian superstar Ronaldo has joined the ownership group of the Fort Lauderdale Strikers.

Ronaldo said in a statement on Thursday that he hopes to help make the Strikers a "global powerhouse." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

There is no need to feel threatened by someone whose power exceeds yours. According to the planets they don't see you as a rival and therefore wish you no harm.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

If you want to get ahead be less thin-skinned. The kind of people who can make things happen for you are not the kind of people who worry about whose egos they might bruise.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may feel worn out after the excitement of the past few days but don't switch off because there are still important things that need to be done.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Sometimes you can be too trusting and the planets warn if you believe what a colleague tells today it will cost you. Either they're deceiving you or someone is deceiving you both.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Use your time and energy wisely today. It does not matter how much work you have to get through before the weekend. Get it right the first time.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Yes, there are things going on behind the scenes that you know little about. According to the planets you have nothing to fear and lots to look forward to.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

If you find it hard to make up your mind today, ask someone you trust. Even if you disagree with them and do the exact opposite of what they suggest you'll still be doing something.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You need to tie up a number of loose ends today if you are to get the full benefit of what occurs over the weekend.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

There may be times when you think that your lucky streak has come to an end but it's not over yet. The only thing that might hold you back is if you allow negative thoughts to take root.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may be conservative but that does not mean you cannot change your ways and if you feel that a change is necessary you must make it immediately.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You will hear something to your advantage today but because you were not supposed to know you may be reluctant to make use of it. If others were stupid enough to let it slip that's their problem, not yours.

♓ Pisces

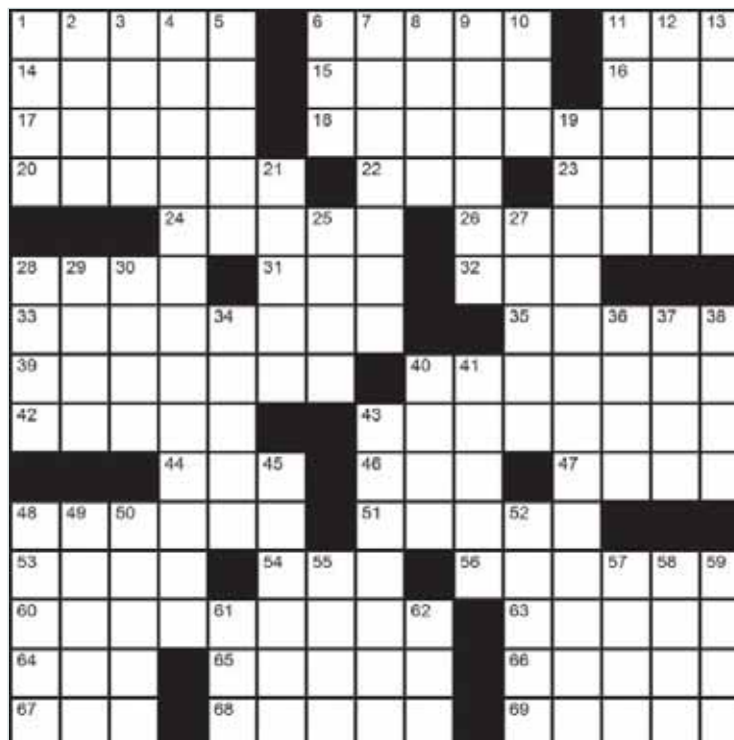
Feb. 20 - March 20

You don't have to pretend that a task comes easy to you when it is a struggle. No one expects you to get it right the first time. Do your best and be pleased.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Splash
6. Tolerate
11. Comedian Louis, et al.
14. Jeweller's eye piece
15. Discourage
16. At the age of, in Latin [abbr.]
17. Eight-based
18. "First Blood" (1982) role: 2 wds.
20. Sarajevo's locale
22. Hot drink
23. Scornful look
24. "A merry heart ___ good like a medicine..." - Proverbs
26. Bequest
28. Pet shelter gr.
31. Old French coin
32. Swearing-in words
33. Inuit sled
35. Harry Potter: Severus' surname
39. Nut kind
40. Lawn sport
42. Judge's gig
43. Frank Zappa's actress/writer daughter: 2 wds.
44. Mr. Bean, et al.
46. Swerve
47. "___ Wonderful Life" (1946)
48. Gutsy
51. Harsh
53. Succulent plant
54. Dunk
56. Celebrity chef
58. Nigella
60. Town in Fraser Canyon in British Col-



- umbia; or, Cheers of "Cheers": 2 wds.
63. Crooner Pat
64. Fair-hiring letters
65. Apply another cold pack
66. Ontario: ___ Peninsula
67. '70s records
68. "Two If ___"

- (1996)
69. Stagnates
- Down**
1. Neatnik opposite
2. Little Eva's "The ___-Motion"
3. Loopholes
4. Soul Boys of the Western World is the name of the new

- documentary film, as well as upcoming 2015 tour, of this British band: 2 wds.
5. Racecar driver Mr. Castroneves
6. Li'l modifier
7. Extinct culture of Newfoundland
8. ___ Jury (Mickey

- Spillane novel)
9. 2015 Yukon ___ (GMC vehicle)
10. Bungle
11. "Along ___ Spider" (2001)
12. 'Quebec' part of Quebec City as it was known
13. Written work

19. The variant spelling for #12-Down's answer is an ___ meaning 'narrowing of the river'
21. Pantheon of Norse gods
25. "Hop ___!" (Move!)
27. Alberta town
28. House size meas.: 2 wds.
29. Match
30. Gladiator's 951
34. Recounts
36. Family member
37. Shar-___ (Some dogs)
38. Singer Ms. James
40. Wintertime garment
41. Spur's small spiked wheel
43. Social networking site
45. Locale on Cape Breton Island
48. Matte ___ (Toronto-born television host)
49. "That threw me for ___!"
50. Doesn't win
52. Synagogue spiritual leader
55. Wading bird
57. Psyche
58. Formerly
59. Social pages words
61. Sphere
62. Actor Stephen

Yesterday's Crossword



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Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	1	9	6	3	2	7	8	5
6	3	5	7	8	1	9	4	2
8	2	7	4	9	5	3	6	1
5	9	1	8	2	4	6	3	7
3	4	2	1	7	6	5	9	8
7	8	6	3	5	9	1	2	4
1	6	8	5	4	3	2	7	9
9	5	4	2	6	7	8	1	3
2	7	3	9	1	8	4	5	6

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